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Record dad now a father for 13th time

Britain's oldest father of twins has become a dad for the 13th time – at 72.

Richard Roden and 26-year-old wife Lisa, of Brownhills, welcomed baby Madison into the world as Mr Roden said: "I wouldn't change my life for the world."

The retired welder of Peake Crescent said he would have liked more children and wanted to try for another son. But the couple have decided Mrs Roden should be sterilised, as they are already counting the cost of having four young children.

In 2009, Mr Roden made it into the record books when his wife gave birth to Ruby and Emily, making him the country's oldest father of twins.

Mr Roden, who turns 73 on Wednesday, said: "Madison is absolutely beautiful. All my girls are, and I love them to bits. They are beautiful and they make my life what it is. Yes, they can be hard work, but I love it."

Mr Roden said he shrugs off comments from people who point out that by the time Madison is at secondary school, he will be in his 80s. "I just take no notice of people who criticise us," he said.

"My dad died when I was two years old – there's nothing you can do about it.

"People die at all sorts of ages. I just try to be a good dad to them now."

Mr Roden has 10 other children from two previous marriages. Two sons and four daughters from his first marriage no longer speak to their father since his relationship with Lisa began. The other children live nearby and, says Mr Roden, are very fond of his youngest daughters.

Mr Roden met his wife six years ago while studying at an adult education college. Mrs Roden, who already has a nine-year-old daughter Bethany, said: "I feel the same now as when we first got together. We're still madly in love with each other. Richard is a wonderful father, and I don't listen to people who make comments about his age.

"I decided to get sterilised because I knew Richard would want more children and I think four young girls in one house is enough. We already struggle to buy a uniform for Bethany and other things around the house."

Manor is clear of winter bug

Norovirus has been completely eradicated at Walsall Manor Hospital, bosses say, as they began counting the cost of more than two weeks of disruption.

A total of 61 patients have been affected by the winter vomiting bug since its outbreak on February 8. But thousands more friends, family and hospital visitors were ordered to stay away as the Moat Road hospital battled to contain the virus.

Deep cleaning was carried out in affected wards with staff scrubbing light switches and door handles four times a day and constantly changing bedding.

All 28 wards were initially closed following the outbreak with some wards re-opening gradually.

Hospital chief executive Michael Scott said the ward closures had been necessary to contain the virus. But an investigation is now taking place to discover the financial impact of the bug.

"The early action we took to close the hospital to all visitors to patients enabled us to contain the spread of the infection to just a few wards," said Mr Scott.

Experts have warned norovirus is still spreading through the community and anyone infected should stay away from the hospital for at least 48 hours.

Liquid left in bag brings confusion and evacuation

TOWN LEFT IN CHAOS AT BOMB HOAX

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Buildings were evacuated, roads sealed off, the bus station closed and trains disrupted when a bomb scare unfolded in Walsall.

The town centre was brought to a standstill for six hours after a holdall with a container of fluid was left at the back of Job Centre Plus in Hatherton Road.

The bus station was closed and thousands of staff evacuated from the Civic Centre after the suspicious package was reported just before 1pm yesterday.

Businesses in Hatherton Road were immediately evacuated and parts of Bridge Street, Lower Bridge Street and Butler's Passage were also closed off. At 5pm, on Monday Tesco in Littleton Street West was also cleared of shoppers for more than two hours. The police helicopter hovered above the town as bomb disposal experts were drafted in and crowds of people gathered around the police cordon.

Officers extended the sealed-off area at 5.30pm, which had a knock-on effect on rush-hour train services.

Trains running between Birmingham New Street and Rugeley Trent Valley were cancelled from 5.40pm for about 30 minutes.

The service between New Street and Walsall was resumed but the service between Walsall and Rugeley TV was cancelled and a replacement bus service put in place. The line was resumed at 8.17pm. The streets were not reopened until 7.15pm when the package was identified as a hoax.

Holdall

Police spokesman Brigg Ford said: "It was a hoax device of sorts. Further examination is required on exactly what the holdall contained. The fluid is not believed to be toxic or hazardous.

"The package will be forensically examined."

Shoppers and workers left stranded in the street told of the chaos and confusion as a Black Country town centre was closed off in a bomb scare.

Trevor Appleton, boss of Heaven Scent at The Crossing at St Paul's, aged 53, said: "A police officer came inside and told us the building was being evacuated. When I came outside I realised the Civic Centre had been evacuated as well and the bus station – but no one knew what was going on."

Victoria Bryant, aged 23, was shopping in town when the drama unfolded. She said: "There seemed to be thousands of people standing around. It is a bit worrying and a bit close to home for me."

Coincidentally, Walsall Council staff had already undergone a pre-planned evacuation for a fire drill at 3pm before they were then forced to leave the Civic Centre again because of the security alert just before 5pm, adding to the confusion.

Valerie Rudd, a care assistant from Bassetts Street, Alumwell, said: "I can't blame them for the precautions I think they have done quite well because of the amount of staff to be moved. It's better to be safe than sorry."



Exodus – work colleagues after being evacuated by police from their offices.



No entry – police cordon off the area around the town centre bus station.

Gran conned in internet dog scam

An animal-loving family seeking a companion for their beloved rescue dog have lost £200 after getting stung in an online con.

Mandy Stackhouse from Bloxwich shelled out the cash thinking she was going to get a chihuahua delivered from a breeder in Scotland. However, the dog never materialised and the family have been left out of pocket and upset.

Animal experts from the region have warned about the con, which is sweeping the internet. Grandmother Mandy, of Tintern Crescent, Mossley, said: "I was searching on the internet for a new little companion for our Jack Russell, Scruffbags. I found an advertisement for a litter of five chihuahuas that was supposed to be in Coventry. There were photos of the litter and lots of relevant information, everything seemed totally above board.

"I exchanged emails with the seller and then spoke to him on the phone. He was happy to send one of the dogs to us but it would have to be by courier as he had recently moved to Scotland. I joked 'this better not be a scam' but he seemed completely genuine."

Ms Stackhouse, aged 41, ordered the dog last Thursday and was told it would be delivered to her door by Friday evening. She then sent £200 to the seller via a money transfer to an address in Cameroon.

"He said that's where his account was based and that was the best address to send the money to," the mother-of-two added.

"I then got a message saying the couriers could not deliver the dog unless I paid up another £322. That's when alarm bells started to go off.

"After I told them there was no way I could pay that, everything stopped.

"We are heartbroken now. I just want people to know that this is going on so they don't fall into the same trap." Jenny Dhanjal of Walsall-based K9 Search UK, which reunites missing dogs with their owners, said it was a common scam on the internet.

"We have heard of this scam before but Mandy's story really brings it home.

"This isn't like ordering your weekly shop from the internet. You need to see them in person to make sure they are right for you."

Police hunting two flashers

A police hunt was launched for two flashers who exposed themselves to a woman on her way to pick up her children from school.

The men were loitering under a bridge in Reedswood Way, Beechdale, when they grabbed the 46-year-old woman.

Walsall police said they believed the men could have struck before. Officers said because the victim was grabbed by the men, they are treating the crime as sexual assault. The incident happened on a path connecting Beechdale and Birchills known locally as "the ash track".

Sgt Chris Jones, said: "The lady was propositioned by one of the men, who tugged her coat as she walked past. She was extremely distressed by the incident and ran off in tears. She eventually called a taxi to take her to the school."

Both men are white, in their late teens or early 20s, slim and about 5ft 5in. One was wearing a grey hooded top, the other a black hooded top.

Sgt Jones added: "There's a chance they may have done this before. The incident happened at 3pm on February 16.



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Elderly woman conned

Thieves posing as water officials raided the home of a 91-year-old woman in Bloxwich.

Conmen also preyed on an 85-year-old woman in Darlaston on the same day.

Cash was stolen from the 91-year-old after the thieves told her there had been an explosion in a nearby street that had affected the water supply.

While one man distracted her at the door, another rifled through the rooms upstairs and got away with an unknown quantity of cash.

On the same day, an 85-year-old woman was also targeted at her Darlaston home but she turned away the man, also claiming to be from the water board.

Police said following the incidents last Tuesday they had stepped up patrols.

Det Ch Insp Ian Bamber said: "This is a despicable crime and we want to catch those responsible for preying on these vulnerable elderly victims.

"I would like to make it clear that the water board does not exist and if anyone has any visitors claiming to be from this bogus organisation please call us straight away and don't let them in."

One of the raiders at the 91-year-old's home was wearing a black tracksuit and white trainers.

While the man in the second incident was white, in his 30s, 6ft tall with dark hair.

Cardboard art sparks alert

A child's cardboard work of art triggered a security alert in Walsall town centre causing rush-hour chaos.

A box covered in tin foil was discovered by two police officers on patrol in Stafford Street at 4.45pm on Friday.

It had been left on the pavement outside the derelict Stanley Casino building next to two public car parks.

West Midlands Police spokesman Billy Corrigan said: "The officers were suspicious of the package so called for support and for the road to be cordoned off and closed whilst it was investigated."

Officers closed Stafford Street to both motorists and pedestrians and diversions were put in place. Nearby residents and shops were not evacuated.

Mr Corrigan added: "Police experts were called in to examine the package, which they found not to be anything to worry about. It appeared to be some kind if child's artwork which had been left on the pavement." The road closure caused some congestion, as rush hour traffic had to use a diversion. The police were stood down and the road reopened at around 6pm.

Chipping for pets

Pet owners can get their cats and rabbits microchipped at an event in Aldridge on March 5. RSPCA Walsall is hosting the event at Aldridge Community Centre, in Middlemore Lane, from noon to 3pm. Microchipping costs £7. All cats and rabbits must be in secure carriers.

Death was accident

The death of a man struck by a van on a main road in Walsall was an accident, an inquest ruled.

Nicholas Hooper, aged 46, of Victoria Terrace, Walsall, was hit by an LDV van in nearby Lichfield Street at about 7.30am on October 10.

The crash happened at a pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Walsall Arboretum but coroner Robin Balmain found Mr Hooper did not use it. The injured pedestrian suffered a brain bleed, Walsall Coroner's Court heard. He died in hospital on October 26. Pc David Ball, of the West Midlands Police collision investigation team, told the inquest conditions on the road had been good and it was unlikely driver Dale Povey had time to react to Mr Hooper stepping out. The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Angling for support

A Walsall charity is looking for help after being hit by the severe winter weather.

The Catch Them Young Fishing Initiative (CTYFI), in Ganton Road, Bloxwich, helps disaffected young people through angling.

But freezing temperatures over the past few months has caused the deaths of hundreds of fish at the charity's fishing pool in Abbots Bromley, near Rugeley. Director Mark Lewis said: "We as a charity have no financial capacity to purchase replacement fish and are looking for local firms willing to support us in regenerating this unique project by considering sponsoring a fish or even a number of fish.

Carp prices start at £75 for a 10lb fish. To help log on to www.ctyfishing.co.uk

Network of drugs wrecked

A major network which dealt in drugs nationwide using highly sophisticated methods has been smashed.

Twenty-three members of the vast network, including criminals from Dudley, Walsall, Stourbridge and Staffordshire, have now been sentenced. A two-year investigation uncovered the gang dealt nationwide in cocaine, amphetamines, ecstasy, heroin and cannabis.

Police said the gang was headed by Terry Gardner, who organised the group with "sophisticated planning" to avoid detection. But the covert police investigation, Operation Variation, began in April 2009 and culminated last week when the last three gang members were sentenced.

Detectives have seized more than £80,000 and restrained £400,000 of assets, pending investigation.

Officers have also recovered class A drugs with an estimated street value of £30,000, and class C drugs worth about £150,000.

Among the 23 from around the country jailed for their role in the drugs gang were Terry Gardner, aged 27, of Kitts Green, Birmingham, jailed for 10 years for conspiracy to supply class A drugs. Richard Slater, aged 30, of Darlaston, jailed for four years for conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs and Kieron Logan, 27, of Pelsall, Walsall, given four years and 10 months for conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs and possession of class A drugs.

Pensioners up in arms over bus service cuts

Banner-waving pensioners gathered outside Walsall town hall as the council's budget was agreed to protest against cuts to the Ring and Ride funding which has left them fearing for the service.

Scores of elderly users voiced their anger at the cuts as cash-strapped Walsall Council agreed its budget to claw back millions. Around 30 pensioners formed part of the protest after it emerged the lifeline transport service is facing a £900,000 black hole.

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All councils in the West Midlands are reducing funds for the scheme, which was launched in 1983 and is used for two million trips a year.

Jan Bethell, aged 66, from Clarendon Street, Bloxwich, said: "There are lots of disabled people that can't manage to get on buses.

"It is a lifeline for a lot of them and allows people to get to friends and have a social life."

Richard Worrall, from the National Pensioner's Convention, said the council could have cut members' allowances to help keep Ring and Ride in its current format.

The former mayor added: "They are a higher priority than enabling 3,000 frail and elderly the opportunity to enjoy free accessible transport as they have done for over 25 years."

Costs

But council leader Mike Bird said: "The Ring and Ride service, although a very good service, costs this council and all West Midlands councils £6.70 per person."

Questionnaires have been sent to 30,000 users asking them to vote on the future of Ring and Ride.

The West Midlands Special Needs Transport charity operates the service alongside Centro, which helps provide funding through councils. Options include making a cut in the number of services, which could see the withdrawal of some in the evenings. The alternative is to introduce charges.



Pensioners including Joan and Peter Last, aged 72 and 73, Jan Bethell, 66, and Chris Martin, 65, protest about budget cuts outside Walsall town hall.

Scheme to stage first lunch clubs

A new £220,000 meals service for pensioners in Walsall will host its first ever luncheon club this week.

More than 120 people have already signed up to the Taste for Life scheme, which delivers hot and frozen meals to residents across the borough.

But almost 60 people have also expressed an interest in attending the organisation's lunch clubs and they will be brought together for the first time at Great Barr's Collingwood Centre on Friday.

Taste For Life was brought in just before Walsall Council's contract with meals-on-wheels provider Sodexo ended last month and as council chiefs try to make £1million in savings over three years on their meals service.

The scheme is run by Caldmore Housing Association, Age UK Walsall and Walsall Housing Regeneration Agency. Walsall Council has pledged funding to keep it running until March 2012.

Mike Hew, chief executive of Caldmore Housing Association, said: "The response to Taste for Life has been fantastic and we have received some great compliments from those that have signed up to the scheme.

"Now with the launch of our first lunch club, we hope to create a new network of opportunities across the borough, with help from local voluntary groups such as Church Links and Community Transport, to help older and vulnerable people to maintain their independence and dignity."

The first luncheon club at the Collingwood Centre will take place from midday, with a second event taking place at the same time on March 10 at The Stan Ball Centre, in Abbotts Street, Bloxwich.

Walsall Community Transport will take people to and from the luncheon clubs on request. The scheme will also look at setting up new luncheon clubs in areas where there are currently none.

For details call Taste for Life on 0121 568 3973.

Mother, 57, is surrogate

A woman gave birth to her own grandson and became Britain's oldest surrogate mother after treatment at a Walsall fertility clinic. Pamela Butler, aged 57, stepped in after daughter Nichola was unable to give birth.

At Midland Fertility Services, Aldridge, Walsall, Mrs Butler was found to be suitable to be a surrogate for her only daughter. Baby Josef was born, giving Nichola and husband Mathew Pagett the baby they longed for. Eggs were harvested from Mrs Pagett and fertilised before being planted into Mrs Butler's womb after four attempts at IVF treatment through the clinic.

Mrs Butler, of South Wales, said: "It was the greatest gift I could have given her. It's wonderful to watch her being a mum now.

"It didn't feel like he was my baby but it was just that I was carrying him for Nichola. I babysit for him sometimes and he's just a wonderful little lad." Mr and Mrs Pagett, both 35, spent £11,000 on treatment at the Court Parade facility.

Five in court over vehicles

Five Polish nationals have appeared in court in relation to allegations that stolen vans worth more than £40,000 were discovered at a Darlaston industrial park.

The four men and one woman faced a charge of acquiring the use or having possession of criminal property at Walsall Magistrates Court last week. All of them deny the charge and were remanded in custody.

Patrycja Hydel, aged 24, of Brickhouse Lane South, Tipton, and Tomasz Siminski, 27, of Lilac Grove, Bentley, Walsall, will next appear this week.

Andrzej Morawski, 35, Jan Morawski, 25, and Wieslaw Tomaszewski, 46, all of Florence Street, Chuckery, also Walsall, will next appear in court on March 18.

Hospice given £60,000 boost

Acorns Children's Hospice has been given £60,000 by Birmingham's Bullring shopping centre. The money has been raised during a two-year charity partnership between the centre and the hospice, which has a base in Walsall.

Over the two years, events at the centre have included an interactive art workshop with artist Ian Cook, gospel singers, Irish dancing, Christmas choirs and bucket collections among shoppers.

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Rise in water bills set to match rate of inflation

Water bills in the West Midlands will rise by around the rate of inflation, say watchdog Ofwat. Severn Trent annual water bills will rise by just 4.3 per cent, or £13, from April, to an average of £311 for water and sewerage services.

Walsall-based supplier South Staffs Water, which only supplies water and not sewerage services , is being held to a £6 hike, or 4.6 per cent, to an average of £130 a household.

Bills nationwide are being held to the Retail Price Index inflation rate, set at 4.7 per cent in April.

Birmingham-based Oftwat announced in 2009 it would hold water bills stable until 2015. Severn Trent wanted an eight per cent hike, or £26 a year, while South Staffs was after a 15 per cent increase, or £19 a year, but both were knocked back by the regulator.

Regina Finn, Ofwat's chief executive, said: "People can shop around for the best deal on many things, but not water. Our job is to do this for them. No one wants to see bills increasing, particularly in tough economic times.

"When we set limits on prices, we listened to customers and challenged companies hard. That's why average bills are set to remain broadly in line with inflation up until 2015, while companies are investing more than ever before, £22 billion.

"That's more than £935 for every property in England and Wales. She warned: "If companies don't deliver for customers, we will take action. In the last five years, companies have had to pay out more than £500m, from their own pockets, following underperformance."

Severn Trent Water, which serves more than 3.7m homes and business customers in England and Wales, said its customers would have the lowest average water bills in England and Wales this year.

Customer relations director Martin Kane said: "Over the next year we'll invest around £1.3m a day to upgrade our assets."

Pregnancy in teenagers showing fall

The number of teenagers getting pregnant in the Midlands has fallen by two per cent in three years, new figures claim.

Between 2007 and 2009, 14,356 under-18s conceived – down from 14,659 between 2004 and 2006, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Nationally teenage pregancies are down six per cent, with the number conceiving during 2009 at its lowest level since the 1980s. For years the teenage pregnancy rate has been the highest in Western Europe.

More than 4,300 teenagers became pregnant in the Black Country and Staffordshire between 2007 and 2009.

Sandwell and Walsall had the highest number of under-18 pregnancies with 1,859 between them.

South Staffordshire had the lowest figure with just 189 girls getting pregnant.

Across the West Midlands as a whole, 49 per cent of the 14,356 pregnancies ended in abortion.

Between 2007 and 2009, a total of 977 under-18s in Sandwell fell pregnant, with 44 per cent of cases leading to a termination.

In Walsall, there were 882 pregnancies, 43 per cent of which resulted in abortion, and in Wolverhampton 788 pregnancies, with 45 per cent being terminated.

Fundraisers making plea to get mini-bus

Fundraisers taking on a cycle challenge for Walsall's new hospice have launched a desperate appeal to find a new support mini-bus – after funding cuts left them without.

A 20-strong group from Walsall company Management Solutions Ltd is due to take on an 88-mile tandem bike ride from Walsall to Branston and back again.

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But funding cuts mean they can no longer use a mini-bus which had been offered to them by Walsall Community Transport. With just five weeks until the challenge, the search is now on to find a new one.

The company's managing director Graham Cornfield will be in the saddle for 88 miles, with other colleagues taking it in turns to ride, travelling in the mini-bus in between.

Mr Cornfield said: "We will have to find a way around this as this challenge must go ahead for such a good cause.

"The mini-bus was offered to us in good faith but unfortunately funding cuts have meant it cannot go ahead and we now need to find a new mini-bus and a driver too.

"The challenge is taking place on April 3 and we need someone who could give up their time for that day.

Leaving

"We will be leaving from our base in Green Lane, travelling to Mackworth in Derby and then on to Branston, back to the site of the new hospice in Goscote Lane and then back to Green Lane.

"We want to create a fun atmosphere while awaiting turns on the tandem and the mini-bus will be the ideal place for people to sit and keep warm and have a bit of fun."

"We were also looking for donations to help us to pay for fuel."

He added: "We are a Walsall company and obviously this new hospice is so important for the borough."

Earlier this year, Walsall Community Transport lost the contract to transport elderly and disabled people across the borough, with Walsall Council awarding it to NA Taxis instead.

Chief officer of Walsall Community Transport John Elliott said: "From our viewpoint this is another example of the loss of the contract impairing our ability to help other organisations in the borough. As a result of losing the contract we have had to reduce our fleet size and have had to take other measures to make sure that the finances of the organisation are OK."

Anyone who can help should call Mr Cornfield on 07814125053 or visit www. i-tms.co.uk/Challenge

Fury at bags of rubbish

Residents and shopkeepers in Willenhall are at their wits end over fly-tippers constantly dumping rubbish at a shopping complex.

The bags are being dumped behind The Square in New Invention.

Shopkeepers said the constant rubbish is infuriating and makes the area look messy.

They claim the problem is caused by people living in nearby Walsall Housing Group accommodation whose bins are behind a broken security gate.

Councillor Ian Shires said: "Tidying up the mess is not getting at the heart of the problem. One look will show you that the residents in the flats don't have any bins because the security gate to the area where they are kept is broken. "

In a joint statement from Walsall Council and WHG, Rob Steventon, said: "Fly-tipping, which is a criminal offence, has unfortunately become a regular occurrence in The Square and teams from WHG and Walsall Council's Street Pride are clearing away rubbish almost weekly."

Man 'went mad' prior to plunge

A man who "suddenly went mad" after drinking attacked his girlfriend and died when he jumped from a Brownhills tower block, an inquest heard.

Stuart Kilbride, aged 35, of Kingsdown Road, Chase Terrace, plunged from the 12th floor of Humphries House, in Lindon Drive, early on September 15 last year.

Walsall Coroner's Court heard last week that he had been staying at his grandmother's flat with his girlfriend of four months Lisa Nash. She tried to stop him jumping.

Ms Nash, giving evidence at the inquest, said they had been drinking whisky and wine and "having a laugh", but he suddenly "went mad".

Ms Nash, 32, of Albion Road, Brownhills, said: "He started shouting, saying I had been to a flat upstairs. He called me a slag and started hitting me. His nan tried to help me."

She said the attack caused her to lose a tooth, her hair had been ripped out and she was bruised.

Ms Nash said Mr Kilbride then had a look of "panic" and said he was going to kill himself. She said: "He went over to the window. I was shouting, telling him to stop it. He jumped on to the windowsill. He lowered himself down. I ran over trying to pull him back up."

Mr Kilbride's grandmother Margaret Boulton called police at 1.16am, later telling them she thought he had jumped because he was worried about going back to prison. Mr Kilbride suffered injuries to his chest, ribcage and internal organs.

Ms Nash was arrested on suspicion of murder but was released without charge.

A toxicology report revealed Mr Kilbride had 196 milligrams of alcohol in 100ml of blood – almost two and a half times the drink drive limit of 80.

Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a narrative verdict.

Make mine a double success



Richard Goode and landlady Debbie Humphreys from the Black Country Arms

Bosses at a Walsall boozer are on a winning streak – claiming a top pub of the year award for the second year running.

The Black Country Arms has been named Camra's pub of the year. Landlady Debbie Humphreys, who runs the High Street pub with partner Richard Goode, said they were really pleased to win the accolade.

The 45-year-old added: "We were surprised as well because there is a lot of good competition.

"We take pride in what we do and we have a large selection of 16 hand-pull beers. We do our best to give the customer what they want.

"We've been here for less than two years now and we've got a really lovely bunch of regular customers.

"We don't have a lot of events and gigs here – we play background music and people just come and relax. They just chill out here and people often comment on our comfortable and warm atmosphere."

Transfer of pupils means cash loss

A school has made a loss of almost £150,000 due to pupils transferring from a doomed secondary nearby – with its headteacher criticising Walsall Council for its handling of the closure.

Brownhills School is taking in 94 mid-year admissions from Sneyd School in Bloxwich, 81 of which have not been funded – leaving a loss to the school of £144,901.83.

In a letter from Brownhills headteacher Helen Keenan to Walsall Council's Schools Forum which was due to meet on March 1, she has asked the council for more funding.

Sneyd will close at the end of the summer term this year, but many parents have chosen to move their children on to another school earlier so they are not uprooted during GCSE courses.

Mrs Keenan said delays in informing parents of the financial support available for transferring students led to many to be "in limbo and very worried about their child's future education".

Funding for pupils at Sneyd went to the school which, due to the mid-year transfers, is no longer giving many of them an education. In Mrs Keenan's submission to the forum, she said: "We have put in place additional measures to support the transferring of pupils and feel that the emotional and social impact on the pupils of such a tight knit community-based school closing was underestimated."

Council officers have recommended the Schools Forum agree a mechanism to allow funding for the children to follow them to their respective schools.

Home is opening

A new care home for 22 residents is opening in place of a former hotel in Walsall.

Guests have started moving into Cedar Falls, which has opened in Bescot Road, Pleck. Around 10 staff have been taken on at the home.

The building has undergone a revamp costing hundreds of thousands of pounds.

There will be supervision on site 24 hours a day, while the home will also provide hairdressing, shopping and salon facilities.

Residents will have access to a spa bath and there are en-suite facilities in each of the rooms.

Boxing club has found a new home

A boxing club that was forced out of its home of 10 years to make way for the multi-million pound Walsall Waterfront development has finally found a new base.

Members of Pleck Amateur Boxing Club are celebrating after being told they can move from their home in Wolverhampton Road to a unit in Fairground Way.

The building is being spruced up and the work will be completed in April.

The club had originally been due to move to Blakenall Heath, in a new centre alongside Green Rivers Community Association, but the plug was pulled on the £2.8 million scheme amid a disagreement between organisers and council officials.

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Plans to expand on hold

Homeserve has pulled the plug on job-boosting plans to expand its Walsall headquarters by taking over nearby council-owned land.

The company had been in talks with council chiefs over expanding its base in Green Lane on to adjoining land for new offices.

But a statement from the company revealed that plan – which had promised 400 jobs – has been put on ice.

It said it believed there was already enough room on the current site to allow for any future expansion.

Diane Jones, spokeswoman for Homeserve, said: "At Homeserve we continue to explore future expansion opportunities but today have capacity on-site to continue to grow the business."

Negotiations opened between Homeserve bosses and Walsall Council last May, with chief executive of Homeserve Richard Harpin claiming if a deal was not reached jobs could go to other bases in Preston or Weston-Super-Mare instead.

Council-owned land backing on to the company's headquarters in Cable Drive was needed to provide extra parking for staff due to be accommodated in new offices.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said the authority would continue to support Homeserve, which with 1,600 workers is one of the town's biggest employers.

He said: "Homeserve is still going to have its regional headquarters in Walsall. It is a very important employer in the town. At this point in time, nobody has officially told us the plans are not going ahead but this has been going on for a very long time."

Dale lease is up for grabs

The lease on one of the most well known restaurants in Willenhall has been put on the market, leaving staff uncertain about their jobs.

The Dale House, a townhouse in the centre dating back to 1750, is being marketed with a 10-year lease for £45,000.

Current owners Mike Seabridge, aged 64, and Adrian Hill, 45, both of Bilston, took over the carvery in November 1999 but have decided not to renew the lease as Mr Seabridge wants to retire.

When the restaurant in Bilston Street changes hands, the new owners will have to decide whether to keep the 12 existing staff.

The detached three-storey property has a bar and restaurant on the ground floor, with an additional restaurant and private dining area on the first floor. It houses office and storage space on the second floor and has a car park with 20 spaces.

Author appears

Best selling romantic writer Katie Fforde will give a talk about her new novel, Summer of Love, at 2.30pm on March 22 at Aldridge Library, Rookery Lane, Aldridge, Walsall. Katie, also the chairman of the Romantic Novelists' Association, is based in Gloucestershire.

£1.3m youth centre

A £1.3 million youth centre will be built at a secondary school in Walsall, six months after the ambitious plans were shelved because funding was frozen by the Government.

The scheme for Joseph Leckie Community Technology College was dropped back in July.

However, lottery funding has now been secured and council bosses said the centre would be built immediately. It will offer traditional youth club services such as sports, music and art, as well support and advice services for youngsters from across the borough. The project was shelved following a review by the Department for Education of the Big Lottery Fund's Myplace initiative. But Under Secretary of State for Children and Families Tim Loughton has now announced it will go ahead.

Appointments call

Women referred from their GP to Walsall Manor Hospital's breast clinic are being urged to keep their appointments following a high rate of cancellations.

Any woman referred to the hospital with a breast problem will be seen by a specialist within two weeks of referral to confirm or exclude a cancer diagnosis. Hospital bosses say many women are not keeping these vital two week appointments. Amir Khan, medical director at Walsall Manor Hospital, said: "We are urging all women referred to our breast clinic on this pathway to ensure they keep their two-week appointment."

Doctors say women should not panic about being given a two-week referral. But they insist it is important to get any problems checked out by a specialist as soon as possible.

Manor is facing penalty

Walsall Manor Hospital is facing a fine for the number of women missing appointments at its breast clinic.

The Moat Road site could be hit with a financial penalty if it does not hit its target of 93 per cent of women being seen by a specialist within two weeks of referral.

So far this financial year, the hospital is falling just below its target at 92.2 per cent, prompting doctors to urge women to stick to their appointments.

Figures show from April 2010 to January this year, there have been 1,564 referrals into the breast clinic of which 1,006 were suspected cancer referrals.

Of the 558 referrals for non-cancer symptoms, 51 people or nine per cent did not attend within the 14 days.

If the hospital did miss its target by the end of this financial year, any fine would be dependent on how far it fell below its goal and how much had been done to try to combat this.

Amir Khan, medical director at Walsall Manor Hospital, said: "We're not trying to frighten women into thinking any breast problem they may have might be suspected cancer.

"However, it's important that they get the problem checked out as soon as possible. Early diagnosis of a disease may mean more effective treatment and better outcomes for the patient in the long term.

Seconds out as old venues plan future

Food festivals, boxing matches and record fairs could be held at town halls in Walsall and Darlaston under plans to hold more diverse events at the venues.

Council bosses said the borough was "hiding its light under a bushel" when it came to promoting the landmark buildings. They said they wanted to see more people and a wider variety of events at the halls andnot just the usual weddings and conferences.

Walsall Town Hall in Leicester Street is an Edwardian building that can accommodate 1,000 people.

Last year, there were 152 events there, consisting of 45 dances, 30 concerts, 14 parties, 24 meetings, 13 exhibitions and 26 awards ceremony.

Victorian Darlaston Town Hall, in Victoria Road, can hold 300 people and also has two smaller meeting rooms that can hold 45 people each. Last year it hosted 148 events, including 26 dances, 12 concerts, 35 parties, 59 meetings, eight exhibitions and eight awards ceremonies.

The move to branch out into a wider variety of events comes after Walsall Town Hall secured the return of championship boxing for the first time in years.

Recently boxing events have been held in neighbouring Wolverhampton and Dudley and the sport will return to Walsall on Saturday.

Feature

Organisers are hoping for a sell-out crowd, allowing boxing to once again become a regular feature at the town hall.

Walsall Council leader Councillor Mike Bird said today: "We do need to promote the town halls more.

"We need to get more people into our town centres for a wide variety of events and I think sometimes we are guilty of hiding our light under a bushel.

"These are great buildings that lend themselves well to lots of different occasions. People don't realise they are there to be used - not just for weddings and conferences.

"The acoustics lend themselves well for concerts and there is scope for sporting events such as boxing and wrestling."

The borough's leisure boss, Councillor Anthony Harris, added: "Boxing at the town hall promises to be an adrenaline-packed night and I'm delighted the promoters are revisiting Walsall to stage this event."

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Mum given massive drugs dose

A mother of four from Walsall died after a nurse gave her 10 times the amount of drugs she was prescribed.

Arsula Samson, 80, of Chester Road, Streetly, had a fatal heart attack at Sutton Coldfield's Good Hope Hospital after she received an overdose of potassium chloride for her pneumonia.

During an inquest into her death, Birmingham coroner Aidan Cotter gave a verdict of accidental death to which neglect contributed.

The widow of the former chief superintendent of the Royal Hong Kong Police, Douglas Samson, was being treated for pneumonia in the critical care unit before she died on March 14, last year.

She was prescribed potassium chloride for low potassium levels.

But staff nurse Lisa Sparrow wrongly gave her 50ml of the drug over half an hour, instead of five hours, the inquest heard.

The nurse admitted tapping in 100ml per hour on the drug infusion pump, instead of 10ml.

It happened after she signed out the medication from the controlled drug stock cupboard with staff nurse Susan Smith, but was left alone to give the drug.

The coroner said nurse Sparrow's failure resulted in the overdose and was the direct cause of death.

Investigators ruled the death was due to "individual, human error". A hospital spokeswoman said: "We remain very sorry this medication error occurred."

Free jogging sessions

Free jogging sessions are available in Pleck Park from March 7. The sessions will be held at the Slaney Road park at 4.45pm for joggers of all abilities. Participants will meet at the pavilion. For more information call 01902 605500.

Golfers' boost for hospice



Josh Berg, left, and captain Nathan Hurst with Anne Arnott and colleagues.

Young golfers from Walsall have putt in some time on the green to raise £150 for charity.

The Junior Academy Golf Club, based at Calderfields Golf Club in Aldridge, decided to raise money for St Giles Hospice at Whittington, near Lichfield. The youngsters, between the ages of nine and 18, raised the cash by bringing in a new rule of when anyone hit their ball into a bunker, they had to make a donation. The club presented the cheque for £150 to Anne Arnott from the charity last week.

Golf club official Graham Jackson said the group chose the hospice after academy chairman Josh Berg, aged 17, told how his grandfather received excellent care there before his death last month.

Mr Jackson said: "The hospice and the golfers were very pleased indeed with the amount that was raised."

He said the hospice is an independent charity which requires donations to provide care and support.

New appeal over attack

Police have launched a fresh appeal for information after a woman was blasted in the face with a noxious spray during a robbery.

The attack happened as the 61-year-old was walking along Heath Road in New Invention.

She was approached by a man who asked her for the time before spraying her in the face. He then stole her handbag containing £200 cash, keys and gloves before running off.

The woman suffered discomfort to her eyes following the assault, which happened at 6pm on January 29.

The attacker was white, 5ft 9ins tall, medium build, clean shaven and in his teens. Call Walsall CID on 0345 113 5000.

Volunteer for festival wanted

A volunteer is being sought to help stage a community festival in Walsall.

The team behind Caldmore Village Festival is looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to dedicate a few hours each week to organising the festival.

It will take place at the Bath Street Centre on May 28 to 30.

The role will give experience of putting on a large event involving music, arts and sport.

The position is available from March 1 until June. To apply email Glen Buglass at buglassg@walsall.gov.uk. For information about the event, visit the Caldmore Festival Blog at www.caldmorevillagefestival.wordpress.com

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Mother sentenced to jail

A mother-of-three has been given a 45-day suspended sentence for failing to pay council tax. Alicja Duslak, aged 30, owes Walsall Council £4,181.75 in unpaid bills since 2007.

She appeared at the town's magistrates' court last week for non-payment.

Senior revenue officer Paul Thrupp, on behalf of Walsall Council, told the court Duslak, of Dalkeith Street, Birchills, had not responded to warning letters.

She appeared only in relation to £1,245.78 owed for April 2009 to March 2011. The council is investigating the remainder.

Through an interpreter, Duslak, who is from Poland and unemployed, told the court she received children's tax credits and housing benefit to help cover her rent. "I didn't pay the council tax because I didn't have the money. I would struggle to buy food for the children," she said.

She claimed she did not understand the letters and had not seen the Polish translations enclosed. Bench chairman Tammy Pette advised Duslak to seek debt advice and sentenced her to 45 days prison, suspended as long as she paid £10 a month to reduce the arrears.

Topshop closing store

Topshop has closed its Walsall town centre store putting jobs at risk and leaving another major retail unit empty.

The branch has closed in Park Street and plans to open a concession at fashion outlet Outfit in Crown Wharf Retail Park.

Topshop said, where possible, all the jobs would be relocated to the new base.

The store said the move was due to "localised commercial reasons". A spokeswoman said: "Where possible all of the jobs have been relocated to the Outfit outlet."

Outfit also houses other well-known labels including Dorothy Perkins, Evans, Wallis and Topman and recently opened a branch at Gallagher Retail Park, Wednesbury.

Last month it was revealed almost 80 shops and businesses are empty in the borough.

Saviours of outdoor site are revealed

The organisation which stepped in to save an outdoor activities centre used by thousands of Walsall children is Widehorizons Outdoor Education Trust.

It will take over the management of the Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre, in Llangollen, Wales.

The trust says the centre's bookings are secured "for this summer at least" while a plan is drawn up for its future. The centre was threatened with closure after Walsall Council's decision to withdraw its funding.

The trust will run the centre on behalf of owners the Walsall Camp Trust.

Mike Penny, chief executive of Widehorizons, said: "As a trainee teacher at St Francis of Assisi School in Aldridge, I took pupils to Bryntysilio for a field trip in 1978."

He said he saw then how valuable outdoor education was for urban children.

"I am optimistic that working in partnership with the Walsall Camp Trust and the Walsall community, Widehorizons will be able to secure a long term future for Bryntysilio," he added.

Hundreds of thousands of pupils have been to the centre over the past 40 years.

Widehorizons and the Camp Trust will continue to work together on a long-term plan for the centre.

Jim Crabtree, chairman of the Camp Trust, said: "We are confident that the combined efforts of Camp Trust and Widehorizons should help to ensure the future of Bryntysilio."

Walsall Council said it costs more than £500,000 a year to maintain Bryntysilio. The authority is trying to save £65 million over the next three years.

Cottage is to be rebuilt

A gatekeepers' cottage which once stood at the entrance of a hospital is to be rebuilt as part of a new housing development.

Designs for the family house, which will replace the period gatehouse, have been unveiled by developer Bovis Homes, which has transformed the former St Margaret's Hospital site off Queslett Road, Great Barr.

The old cottage was wrecked along with numerous outbuildings in the grounds by arsonists and vandals after the closure of the hospital in the 1990s.

Now Bovis is poised to recreate it for use an attractive family home at the same spot near the entrance to the new estate, now known as Nether Hall Park.

Rebuilding the old cottage, which was recently demolished, is one of the many transformations taking place at the site where more than 400 homes are being built.

Nether Hall Park's site manager Patrick Price said: "It'll be great to see it restored and we will be trying to reuse as much material as possible in the restoration, which is now starting in earnest."

Turning ban set

Motorists are no longer allowed to turn into a busy Bloxwich street, under a council drive to boost pedestrian safety.

Walsall Council unveiled proposals to stop drivers travelling northbound along the A34 High Street into Bell Lane.

A consultation was held and the rules are now in force. Councillors said requests had been made to introduce pedestrian facilities at the Bell Lane junction, and this was only achievable by limiting the flow of traffic turning into Bell Lane.

Yob-plagued people opposing booze plan

Almost 250 people in a Walsall neighbourhood already plagued by gangs of youths who drink and vandalise homes and gardens have objected to plans to sell alcohol from a new shop.

People in Coalpool think the sale of alcohol will only increase the anti-social behaviour further. An application has now been submitted to Walsall Council to sell booze from the former post office building in Coalpool Lane, which is set to be transformed into a general store.

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But householders living nearby said there were ongoing issues in the area with drunken noisy youths in their late teens who congregate near an existing shop, which also sells alcohol, and in bus shelters late at night.

Problems have included yobs shouting in the street late at night, swearing at pensioners who tell them off, and damage to hedges.

Alcohol is sold by the existing Costcutter store in Dartmouth Avenue and residents claim another outlet could cause even more problems in the residential area.

A Coalpool Lane resident, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisals, said: "If any of us complain we get bricks thrown through our windows – that's how bad it is round here.

Shouting

"They come out in the street at night and hang about in the bus shelters. If anyone dares say anything to them about the shouting, they get a mouthful of abuse in response. These people are 19 and 20 year olds, who is going to stand up to them?"

Harjit Singh has applied to Walsall Council to sell alcohol from the store.

Danny Hardy, the agent acting on his behalf, said: "They will be installing internal and external CCTV, which will be a big deterrent in terms of anti-social gatherings."

"They will also be very vigilant in terms of proxy sales and all staff would be fully trained.

"All they want to do is offer an independent service and bring back a unit which has been empty for two years."

Blakenall ward representative Councillor Pete Smith said a petition circulating on the estate had so far attracted 240 signatures against the plan.

Group now snookered in table row

A once-popular pensioners' group that was forced out of its former home has seen numbers dwindle after council bosses said members could not install their snooker table at their new base.

Leamore and Blakenall Senior Citizens Club had to downsize into a pavilion at Leamore Park after its dilapidated Sons of Rest building was demolished. Members said they were happy to stick it out in the small pavilion but were desperate to get their snooker table back.

According to chairman Bob Sumner the council said the table could not be used for insurance reasons and because it would get in the way of others.

The retired train driver said the table was one of the main attractions for members and since the move, numbers at the group had halved from 60 to 30.

Mr Sumner, aged 72, said: "In our old base we had two snooker tables, a fully-equipped kitchen, TV room with comfortable armchairs and card and domino tables.

"But it had to be knocked down because it was leaking and the council said there was asbestos in the building. We are in the pavilion now but they say we can't have a table back for insurance purposes and they are keeping it in storage at the council's property services depot.

"Losing the table has knocked the stuffing out of the club – there were only six of us at the last meeting. We can only play bowls outside for around 26 weeks a year so we need the indoor snooker table for the rest of the time."

Mr Sumner said the group had offered to pay the insurance costs.

Andy Rust, from Walsall Council's social care and inclusion, said officers were willing to meet the group to discuss its concerns.

He said: "An officer from the council will contact the Leamore Park Senior Citizens Group to start to discuss their ongoing issues by the end of the week." The group was forced to leave the Sons of Rest in January 2009. Members were told a new base would be built in the park but the plans never materialised.

Legal eagles load up the lolly



Cheryl Bradburne, of Walsall Hospice, Karen and Paul Ross from Rosie's Helping Hands, and Leighann Richards and Sophie Willett from Enoch Evans

A legal firm in Walsall has raised more than £1,000 for two charities in the borough. Enoch Evans raised £1,150 for Walsall Hospice and children's charity Rosie's Helping Hands with a quiz night and a raffle.

The event, at the Village Hotel in Tempus Drive earlier this month, saw 33 teams of four enter with Bakers Accountants in Broadway North, Walsall, coming out winners. A raffle raised £300. David Evans, managing partner of Enoch Evans and quiz master for the evening, said: "The evening was a tremendous success."

The Village Hotel provided the venue and firms from across Walsall donated prizes for the raffle, including Tesco, Walsall College Academy Health Club, the Terrace restaurant in Brownhills and the Black Country Living Museum.

Residents flee suspected arson

Fifteen people were evacuated due to a suspected arson attack at a block of flats in Walsall.

A 36-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life following the blaze at the ground floor flat in Dorchester Road, New Invention, which caught fire at about 7.50pm last week.

Two women, one of whom was pregnant, a man and baby were taken to hospital after breathing in smoke.

A further three men and one woman were given oxygen at the scene by ambulance paramedics.

Firefighter Simon Kidd of Bloxwich fire station said: "It is being investigated by the fire research team and the police who are returning there this morning to carry out checks at the premises.

"There was no-one in the ground floor flat where the fire was."

Appeal for queen

A fresh appeal has been launched for girls to come forward to battle it out for the title of Willenhall carnival queen. Preparations are already well under way for the summer carnival, which takes place on June 11. A selection event for hopeful carnival royalty will be held on March 5 at Willenhall Chart centre in Gomer Street from 6pm. Carnival queen candidates must be aged 16 or over, potential princesses should be aged 13 to 15, while budding rosebuds should be aged 10 to 12. The search is also on to find a munchkin boy and girl aged seven to nine. For details call 01902 411611 or 07909 627736 or email willenhallcarnival@live.co.uk

Man on 73 charges

A man from Willenhall who has been charged with 73 offences including making off without paying for petrol, stealing number plates and car theft has appeared before magistrates. Mandeep Sahota, aged 28, of The Crescent, appeared at Walsall Magistrates' Court last week. He was remanded in custody until March 8.

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Obesity sparks move to roomier cremators

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New cremators at a Walsall cemetery are to be made bigger to cope with the soaring number of overweight people.

Changes are being made at Streetly Crematorium to allow cremators to take coffins of up to 41 inches wide rather than 31 inches.

Walsall Council has had to use crematoria as far away as Nottingham which can cope with larger coffins, but now the latest statistics indicate that more than 70 per cent of adults in Walsall are either overweight or obese.

Three new cremators are being installed as part of a wider programme of work at Streetly Crematorium.

Culture

Leisure chief Councillor Anthony Harris, said: "As part of the refurbishment of Streetly Crematorium, one of the three new cremators being installed will be slightly bigger to enable us to take larger width coffins safely.

"Currently, the cremators can take coffins of up to 31 inches wide safely. This new cremator will allow us to extend the coffin size up to 41 inches, should it be necessary."

Burial fees have been increased in Walsall in a bid to net the authority an extra £90,000 this year.

Council chiefs said the money would be used to fund "significant investment" at the crematorium, including the replacement of old cremators. Funeral directors had complained it was not easy to explain to grieving relatives why their loved ones were being sent so far away.

Figures show the West Midlands is now considered the fat capital of Europe.

In Walsall, 74 per cent of the residents are tipping the scales at an unhealthy weight while 26 per cent are diagnosed as clinically obese.

School pupils making the news

Children in Walsall had a taste of the exciting media world as they produced a 20-page newspaper in a day.

Ninety children in Year 5 and Year 6 at St John's Primary School spent a day producing the St John's Echo.

Deputy head Amy Lane said: "They imagined they were all working in a newsroom and were split up into different sections for sport, features, entertainment, school news and international news.

"Different children were chosen to be editors and they all wrote articles. It was a really successful day, every child was involved and they all had the opportunity to do some real writing."

More than 100 copies were printed off and sold for 30p.



St John's Echo editor Joseph Clay, 10, with classmates.

Women's celebration

Comedienne Barbara Nice will host a celebration of 100-years of International Women's Day in Walsall.

The event will be at The New Art Gallery on March 12 from midday to 4pm. Poets, singers and speakers will perform, while workshops in confidence building and pampering will take place. Entry is free.

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Couple get five-year animal ban



Rita Beddow.



Brian Beddow.

A couple have been banned from keeping animals for five years after they failed to seek treatment for their flea-infested pets.

Brian and Rita Beddow, of Sussex Avenue, Aldridge, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to their Jack Russell terrier.

They also admitted failing to ensure the welfare of their 10-year-old cat.

Walsall Magistrates' Court heard the eight-year-old dog, called Murphy, was left suffering for at least three weeks, resulting in the animal pulling out its own fur.

Black cat Tom was found in a slightly better condition when an RSPCA inspector visited the couple's home last September following a tip off.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA, said the couple claimed they could not afford to treat the animals but showed the inspector some flea drops they had bought.

The pets were taken to see a vet, who said the dog had suffered a skin infection, a loss of fur and fleas were visible. They were treated with antibiotics and made a full recovery. The court heard both Brian, aged 66, and Rita, 65, made full admissions about their neglect.

Mr Glyn Whitehouse, defending, said: "They were not deliberate acts of harming animals." The pair were fined £500, with £400 costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

An order was made to prevent them from getting their pets back and they were banned from keeping animals for five years.

£4.5m complex a definite

The £4.5million library and health centre planned for Pelsall will definitely go ahead, residents are being reassured.

Work is planned to start this month, with the current library set to be moving off the site in the next few weeks.

Pelsall Councillor Marco Longhi said he wanted to make it absolutely clear the plans would be going ahead despite massive budget cuts elsewhere in the borough.

He said: "There are lots of people who hear different rumours that it's not happening any more and I just want to put everybody's mind at rest.

"We could see the way the economy was going well over 12 months ago. I knew we had to have the money committed and under-written a year ago to ensure it went ahead."

The complex will include a children's centre, a surgery and a library.

Donations wanted for police families

Donations are wanted for a charity raffle which aims to raise cash to send children of dead police officers on a summer break.

Care of Police Survivors (Cops), which helps families of police officers who have died in the line of duty, is planning to take a group of youngsters to Legoland Windsor, in May.

Det Sgt Steph Bradley, from Wolverhampton Police, is appealing to businesses to donate prizes for the raffle to be drawn this month.

She became involved with the charity after her younger brother Pc Ryan Hunt, aged 31, from Cheslyn Hay, died in May, 2006 leaving wife Claire a widow.

He was hit by a lorry while working on a joint operation with South Yorkshire Police in Doncaster. Det Sgt Bradley hopes to raise £2,500.

She said: "The charity contacted me after my brother died. They offer support to parents, partners and siblings. They hold events where you can talk to people who have been through the same thing." For more information contact steph-bradley@fsmail.net



Detective Sergeants Steph Bradley and Trudy Runham at Walsall Police Station appealing for donations for the charity Care of Police Survivors, inset Ryan and Claire Hunt.

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More than meets the eye on reforms affecting the blind

Dear Sir,

Poverty and isolation await many visually impaired people if the Welfare Reform Bill is passed in its current form, according to research supported by Action for Blind People.

We want to draw the government's attention to this injustice – and invite the readers to help.

The Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is a financial lifeline for many blind and partially sighted people, contributing to the extra cost of living with sight loss. Replacing it with a Personal Independence Payment could mean up to 12,000 visually impaired people losing this vital benefit – sacrificed to help the government save £1 billion.

In addition, visually impaired people find it more difficult than sighted counterparts to find and retain work. So plans to limit the contributions based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) to 12-months could result in severe poverty for many.

Research shows 92 per cent of employers say they would find it "difficult" or "impossible" to employ somebody who is blind or partially sighted.

Linking benefits to the Consumer Price Index (rather than the higher Retail Price Index) will also be a hammer-blow for those claiming higher rate DLA.

It could represent a loss of up to £360 a year – equal to 10 days home care – while those on lower rate DLA mobility may lose the equivalent of 20 Taxicard journeys a year.

Your readers are invited to help by visiting www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk/campaigns where they can download a letter to send to their MP, as well as find out more about the research in "More Than Meets The Eye".

Sue Huyton
Head of West Mids Region
Action for Blind People
58-72 John Bright Street
Birmingham B1 1BN

3 peaks charity challenge

Dear Sir,

The Meningitis Trust would like to encourage your readers to take part in a truly memorable experience this year, by scaling the heights of the UK's highest mountains in 36 hours.

We are running two 36 hour Three Peaks Challenges (May 13-15 and July 8–10). Both will start off at Snowdon in North Wales. Participants will then be taken by coach to the bottom of Scafell in the Lake District – to trek Scafell in the dark! Finally the team will be whisked up to Scotland to climb the highest of the three mountains, Ben Nevis.

Over the past 13 years the Trust has run this event, more than 700 participants have taken part, raising almost £900,000. As a charity that relies solely on voluntary donations, the Three Peaks Challenges have been vital to its future. For more information, contact 0845 120 4530 or email samantha@meningitis-trust.org.

Samantha Porter
Meningitis Trust

Referendum on EU depends upon whether UK will continue to exist

Dear Sir,

According to Mr Lenton, (Chronicle Letters, February 10) the euro is in a state of collapse.

At its introduction in 2002 it was valued at 62 pence.

It is now worth around 85 pence, hardly a state of collapse.

In fact, in researching the history of the euro, it is difficult to find references to the British pound, as most comparisons are made between the Euro and the US dollar, the pound seeming to be of little interest behind the two major currencies.

He is indignant at the payment by the UK government to Ireland, but while an attempt to help a close neighbour would be laudable, I understand it is in fact to be a loan, repayable with interest.

In other words, sound business practice.

He writes "we want a referendum now" (on leaving or renegotiating our relationship with the EU).

I am broadly in favour of a referendum, but I think your readers would agree it must not be allowed to take place before the coming probable referenda on Scottish and Welsh independence. If these referenda result in independence for the two countries, the United Kingdom would no longer exist. The people of England must be able to make their judgement in view of that situation. Incidentally, I suspect that the people of England will not be invited to participate in the Scottish and Welsh referenda.

David Clenton,
Pelsall.

'Left leaning liberals' need to show some common sense on sex register

Dear Sir,

Listening to Radio 4's Any Questions recently, I couldn't help but notice how "left leaning" the audience appeared to be.

It came from Birmingham and my favourite journalist Kelvin McKenzie was one of the panelists. It was a joy to hear over all.

I also noticed that besides the majority of the audience, in my opinion, being left leaning liberals, the majority of the panelists seem to lean to the left also.

Oh how the BBC manages to do it – a monolithic back drop from the days of New Labour still sadly.

What did concern me though was how liberal the audience was, when asked for a show of hands by Jonathan Dimbleby, over their views on whether child molestors should remain on the sex offenders register (or not) for life. Sadly the overall count was for some insane reason in favour of allowing sex offenders the right to have their names removed under review.

I wonder if some in Birmingham are due a common sense transplant. I wonder if they will feel the same if one of their children suffers horror meted out by a paedophile or sexual predator?

Kelvin McKenzie's right wing view is correct in many ways and I feel the silent majority agree with him, or hope they do. I just feel people rail against his type because they have had their brains mushed up by too much liberal, elitist, PC, mamby pamby, policies spewed out by New Labour over the last 14 years.

Ian Payne, Walsall

Council workers deserve the praise

Dear Sir,

Walsall Council gets little praise but when they get things right they deserve a pat on the back.

I recently reported a huge unsightly pile of more than 30 bags of animal waste and domestic rubbish which had been dumped at the back of my property at the former council garage site off Newton place.

Within 24 hours of reporting it the council environmental office had assessed it and despatched a clean up team to remove it.

The two men concerned did a fine job, restoring the site to how it should be when it is so close to people's gardens and the wildlife that uses the local canalside. Nice to see the council workers taking such pride in their job. The next time you think Walsall is such an eyesore at times, remember it's some of the lazy, filthy people who live within the town not the council.

Ian Stevens,
Walsall.

Call to make church concert a success

Dear Sir,

For many years the Short Heath singers have been giving concerts, not only in Wolverhampton, but around the West Midlands, and they have helped raise thousands of pounds for a wide variety of charities.

Their next concert is at Portobello Methodist Church, New Street, Willenhall, WV13 3TD, at 7.30pm on March 19. Admission is £5 by ticket or on the door.

We would like to see the church full.

Roy Perkins,
Portobello,
Methodist Church.

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Major clean-up begins on contaminated land

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Reclamation work on one of the most contaminated patches of land in Europe – a former copper works in Darlaston – was getting under way this week.

The site of the former IMI James Bridge copper works is being cleaned up in an £18 million scheme that will pave the way for a new business park.

The first step in the clean-up is drilling to test the condition of the land, and rigs will be seen in and around the area on Darlaston Road.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall Council's regeneration chief, said: "The IMI site, or Phoenix 10 as it is now known, is heavily contaminated.

"We have been working with partner Parkhill for the long-term aim of restoring this land and allowing enterprise to bloom here.

"We want to keep residents fully informed about what is taking place. They may see drilling rigs but this is part of proposals to remove this blot on the landscape."

Welcome

Private developer Parkhill is behind the clean-up and is waiting to see if it has secured £5.88 million of Government cash to get the ball rolling.

Parkhill Estates managing director Niall Crabb said: "The Parkhill Group welcomes the opportunity to partner with the council to remediate and redevelop this strategically important site in Walsall."

The drilling will take up to five weeks to complete and there are more than 250 recorded disused mine shafts on the land.

Once cleaned up the business park is set bring in around 4,000 new jobs.

Parkhill, Walsall Council and the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership are working together on the scheme.

Zumba fever goes in at deep end

Zumba madness has been sweeping the Black Country, with people flocking to classes all over the Black Country.

Now a community sports centre in Willenhall is offering the next big thing – aqua zumba.

Willenhall School Leisure and Community, the leisure organisation based at WIllenhall Sports College, is offering the classes at its base in Furzebank Way.

Participants attempt the Latino dance moves used in zumba while in the pool.

Aerobics, regular zumba, body conditioning, salsa, bums and tums, circuit training and yoga are some of the other classes on offer.Throughout March, all classes are £1.50.

Jamie Hawkins, assistant community manager at the school, said: "Since launching in January 2011, the adult classes have been really popular.

"Zumba has been a real success, and the other classes are continuing to grow in numbers too."

For details of classes and activities, call 01902 633070.

Watch date

A neighbourhood watch meeting will take place in Aldridge on March 17 at the Community Rooms in Lancaster Avenue at 7pm.



Heather Morehouse and Zumba instructor Laura Kelbie

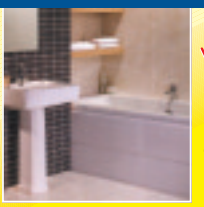
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Community rallies to boost centre

Generous donations from local businesses, neighbours and students means work to repair more than £1,000 of vandalism at a community centre in Blakenall is now well under way.

Bosses at Green Rivers Community Association say it will be like "stepping in to a new centre" once the work is complete.

Staff and visitors to the centre were left devastated when yobs attacked the building last November causing more than £1,000 of damage.

But the community has rallied round to help get the centre back on its feet.

Fishing equipment was stolen during last year's attack, while vandals smashed through doors and walls and left gaping holes.

Now, workmen are at the centre in Green Rock Lane, while Walsall College and a local firm have also given it a further boost.

Centre spokeswoman Caroline Crolley said: "Someone started fixing the damage, replastering over the holes and fixing the radiators that were pulled off the wall.

"Walsall College have also said to us they will help us to repaint the building when it is ready to be done, while T & S, in Bloxwich, has donated the paint.

"We are really chuffed because now it means the building will be really done up and will start to look nice."

Offers of help and donations have been flooding in to the community association following the attack. People handed over dehumidifiers to get rid of damp and volunteers, including children, gave up their time to help.

Vandals struck twice within days at the centre, leaving children and volunteers devastated.

Special team has success

A specialist police team focusing on burglary and vehicle crime in Walsall has made more than 20 arrests since last January.

The team, which consists of Sgt John Bissell and six constables, formed in January and is based at Walsall police station.

A total of 23 people have been caught and charged for vehicle crime, and have either been sentenced or are awaiting trial.

Successes have included a 29-year-old man from Cannock who was jailed for six-months for stealing a vehicle from Boundary Mill Stores, Bentley Mill Way.

He was caught after stealing the keys from an unsuspecting shopper and taking his car.

In Darlaston, the team arrested and charged two teenagers with stealing car radios and sat-navs from vehicles.

A 27-year-old woman from Willenhall also received a 12-month sentence for her part in stealing from vehicles.

Thieves steal equipment from nursery

Thieves have stolen valuable gardening equipment from a nursery in Walsall – after teachers and children spent 18 months raising funds to buy the items.

Catherine's Cross Nursery, Darlaston held sponsored events to raise enough cash to buy new lawnmowers and grass trimmers.

Now, thieves have stolen the £2,000 equipment from a lock-up in the grounds.

Nursery principal Sue Lawrence, who has worked at the Pinfold Street site since it opened 15 years ago, said the entire community had been devastated by the thefts.

"We spent 18 months raising money so we could buy those items," Mrs Lawrence said. "We are all devastated. This is the time we should be out there preparing the grass."

The stolen goods include a £1,400 Mountfield lawn tractor and two lawnmowers and edge trimmers worth £600. The break-in was discovered on February 18 and is thought to have taken place overnight. Call 0345 1135000 with information.



Children at the nursery from left Aubrey Lawrence, aged two, Lily Rae Lewis, three, with nursery nurse Kimberley Orchard, Alan Bafana and Millie Stonach, both three.

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Beauty spot problems continue

A Walsall beauty spot may be out of bounds for longer than expected as high-powered chemicals are used to get rid of a weed infestation.

Wallington Heath Pool, Stafford Road, Bloxwich, which is a popular picnic area and wildlife haven, has not been used for about six months after it became infested with New Zealand pygmyweed, also known as Australian swamp stonecrop.

Attempts to kill the weed should have already seen successful, but Walsall Council said people may have to wait another two to three months until the pool is completely cleared of the infestation.

The weeds led to complaints from residents and visitors to the site, but countryside experts, who had been employed by Walsall Council, could not clear it after months of trying.

The Environment Agency gave consent to use the chemical Glyphosate to kill the stems and leaves growing on the water's surface.

The action was expected to work within six months while the pool was also covered with black plastic to suffocate any plants which may have been growing beneath the water.

But last month, inspectors found some of the weeds may have survived the treatment.

Walsall Council's environment chief Councillor Anthony Harris said he was determined to get the situation under control.

Bonus for Asda workers

Thousands of workers at supermarket giant Asda are to benefit from a bumper £26.9 million bonus pot as US parent Walmart was expected to announce global sales of £260 billion today.

Anyone who has worked at Asda for more than six months qualifies for a bonus, with full-timers among the 175,000 people working at its 386 stores and 19 distribution depots set to pick up at least £350 apiece.

There are three Asda stores across Walsall.

Bloxwich, Woodhall Street, has 320 staff; Darlaston, St Lawrence Way, has around 350 workers and Walsall, based the Crown Wharf Shopping Park, has 430.

Andy Clarke, chief executive and president of Asda, said: "There is no doubt in my mind the colleagues working in our stores and depots are the heroes of our business.

"They have worked incredibly hard this year to deliver the best for our customers – taking everything from the difficult economic climate to the great British weather in their stride."

Burning bright for poetry night

These little tigers are getting ready for a fundraising event at Bloxwich library when the former Birmingham poet laureate will be among guests.

The Tiger Tiger poetry night will raise money for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

It will take place at the library in Elmore Row on March 5 at 7.30pm.

Former Birmingham poet laureate, Julie Boden is supporting the campaign to save the endangered species and will be reading some of her work at the event.

She said: "This is sure to be a great night with great readings and great company."

Tickets, which can be reserved or bought on the door, cost £5 and all proceeds go to the charity. To book, call 01922 655900 or email thewrittenimage@hotmail.com



Bloxwich Library users, including front Katharine Russon, aged 10, will be raising money for the WWF.

Job advice

Job hunters can get advice in Walsall through a Support Into Jobs event, organised by Walsall Council and Walsall Partnership at Darlaston Town Hall, Victoria Road, on March 16 from 9.30am-2.30pm. For more information about the event call 01922 652593.

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School celebrates award

A Walsall school is celebrating winning an award.

Willenhall School Sports College, in Furzebank Way, was honoured for the way sport is used to impact on the curriculum and pupils.



From left, Life Fitness territory development manager Nick Mennell, Willenhall School's Bev Broll, head of PE Bridget Ball and headteacher Vicki Till collect the award from, right, Commonwealth gold medallist Ellen Faulkener and Youth Sport Trust chairman Sue Campbell.

The school won the Youth Sport Trust's award for innovative practice in PE at key stage four.

The Innovation Award was presented to the school by Commonwealth gold medal bowls player Ellen Faulkner.

School staff were congratulated for the way they have worked with children to find activities that allow them to develop at their own pace.

Headteacher Vicki Till said: "We are thrilled to have won this award because it recognises many years of hard work to ensure that all students achieve their personal best."

She paid tribute to the "outstanding" PE department, led by Bridget Ball.

The ceremony was one of the highlights of the Youth Sport Trust's Sports Colleges Conference 2011, which was held in Telford.

Steve Grainger, chief executive of the Youth Sport Trust, said: "Willenhall School Sports College's win demonstrates just how powerful a tool sport can be in unlocking the potential in young people across their school and personal life."

Historic maps are on show

An exhibition of historic maps and artists' work are now on show in Walsall until the end of March.

The images of Aldridge and Ordnance Survey maps of the town dating to the 1880s are on show.

The maps have been given by Walsall Local History Centre for the exhibition in High Street, Aldridge.

The documents include 30 historic photographs of Aldridge, old leaflets and extracts from trade and home directories.

The display also has information linked to the Basque refugee children who arrived in the 1930s.

The youngsters had been evacuated from their homeland during the Spanish Civil War.

Organised by Mapseeker Archive Publishing, the exhibition is open from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

Jumping Jack sets sights high

A teenage ballet dancer from Walsall will be stepping up against the best after qualifying for a competition.

Jack Brownhill, of Short Heath, Willenhall, is training to compete in the All England Dance Midlands regional finals at The Dorm-ston Centre, in Sedgley, Dudley, between May 27 and June 4.

The 15-year-old qualified for the finals after dancing in a contest held at Wrekin College, in Telford, where he was awarded first place.

The Pool Hayes Arts and Community School pupil, who has been dancing since the age of six, hopes the competition will give him chance to win a scholarship to a top dance school in the UK.

It comes after Jack was placed fifth in the senior category of the British Championship, despite being the youngest competitor.

The teenager, who has also performed twice with English Youth Ballet at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, trains at Dance Xtreme in Gomer Street, Willenhall.



Trophies winner Jack Brownhill will be competing in the All England Dance Midlands regional finals.

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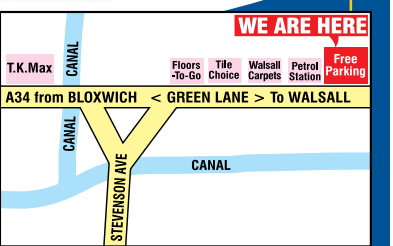
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Feedback wanted on centre plans

Allotments, an urban farm and a cafe are just some of the ideas being planned for a Walsall centre which caters for adults with learning disabilities.

Feedback is now wanted on the planned scheme.

A training kitchen is being built at the Goscote Centre, Goscote Lane, Walsall, where people can gain qualifications in catering.

It's hoped a conservatory could be added at a later date, which could become a bistro or cafe for the whole community. They are both part of the ongoing £600,000 redevelopment of the centre and are due to be completed in spring.

Horticultural opportunities could be created through allotments at the site, a community garden or a farm shop.

The scheme, in partnership with Walsall Adult and Community College, is aimed at involving adults with learning disabilities who want to take part in the activities on offer.

Councillor Barbara McCracken, said: "We want our services to be motivational and to have an impact on peoples' lives.

"Consultation will continue with carers and service users over the next few months as we all work together to maximise the potential at Goscote."

Activities and physiotherapy programmes which were previously delivered at Pinfold Day Services, Bloxwich with NHS Walsall have transferred to this facility.

Plans to build 10 houses

An empty site behind a bowling club could be used to build 10 new homes.

Developers are hoping to build seven two bedroom semi-detached houses and three three bedroom semi-detached homes behind Bentley Moor Club, Bentley Drive, Walsall.

Planning permission was granted in May 2007 to build a new bowling clubhouse and 14 homes.

Now, permission is being sought for a revised scheme which will build 10 homes instead.

The site which has been earmarked for development was formerly occupied by the clubhouse but a new one was built on the former bowling green, which meant the site was empty.

An application by Eclipse Architecture on behalf of the developer says facilities in walking distance of the site are likely to include a range of shops, pubs, banks, healthcare, post office and schools.

The site is also located close to a bus route. Walsall Council will consider plans in coming weeks.

Young creators think outside the bot

Youngsters have been building their own robot sculptures at Walsall's New Art Gallery.

Free sessions were held at the Gallery Square venue last week.

Children of all ages have drawn inspiration from a bright red, three metre high robot on display at the gallery.

The Eppy Daddy Battle Bot has been built using wooden panels, TV aerials, metal grates and a 1930s radio by Bob and Roberta Smith, the name artist Patrick Brill goes by.

It is an interpretation of sculptor Jacob Epstein, who fought many battles with anti-Semitic forces and his peers within the British art community.

The title came from one of Mr Epstein's grandchildren remembering that she used to call her grandfather Eppy Daddy.



Brothers, from left, six-year-old Daniel Hetherington and 10-year-old Jacob .at Walsall's New Art Gallery with the Eppy Daddy Battle Bot sculpture.

Fashion date

A charity fashion show will be staged for Walsall Hospice. The Real Fashion – Real People event at The Village Hotel, Tempus Drive, is on March 24 at 7pm. Walsall's Mayor, Councillor Gary Clarke will be modelling. Tickets cost £12.50. Call 0845 113 0678.

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Jenny is fit for business



Jenny Judson, who has started SlimDance, with six-month-old son William

A mother has found a new lease of life by running her own dance and exercise business.

Jenny Judson, aged 25, found a new direction after taking voluntary redundancy from her job as a customer relations manager at Walsall firm Homeserve. Jenny, of Allerdale Road, Clayhanger, decided with husband Robert, 27, to use the £5,000 saved for her maternity leave to buy into a dance class franchise, SlimDance.

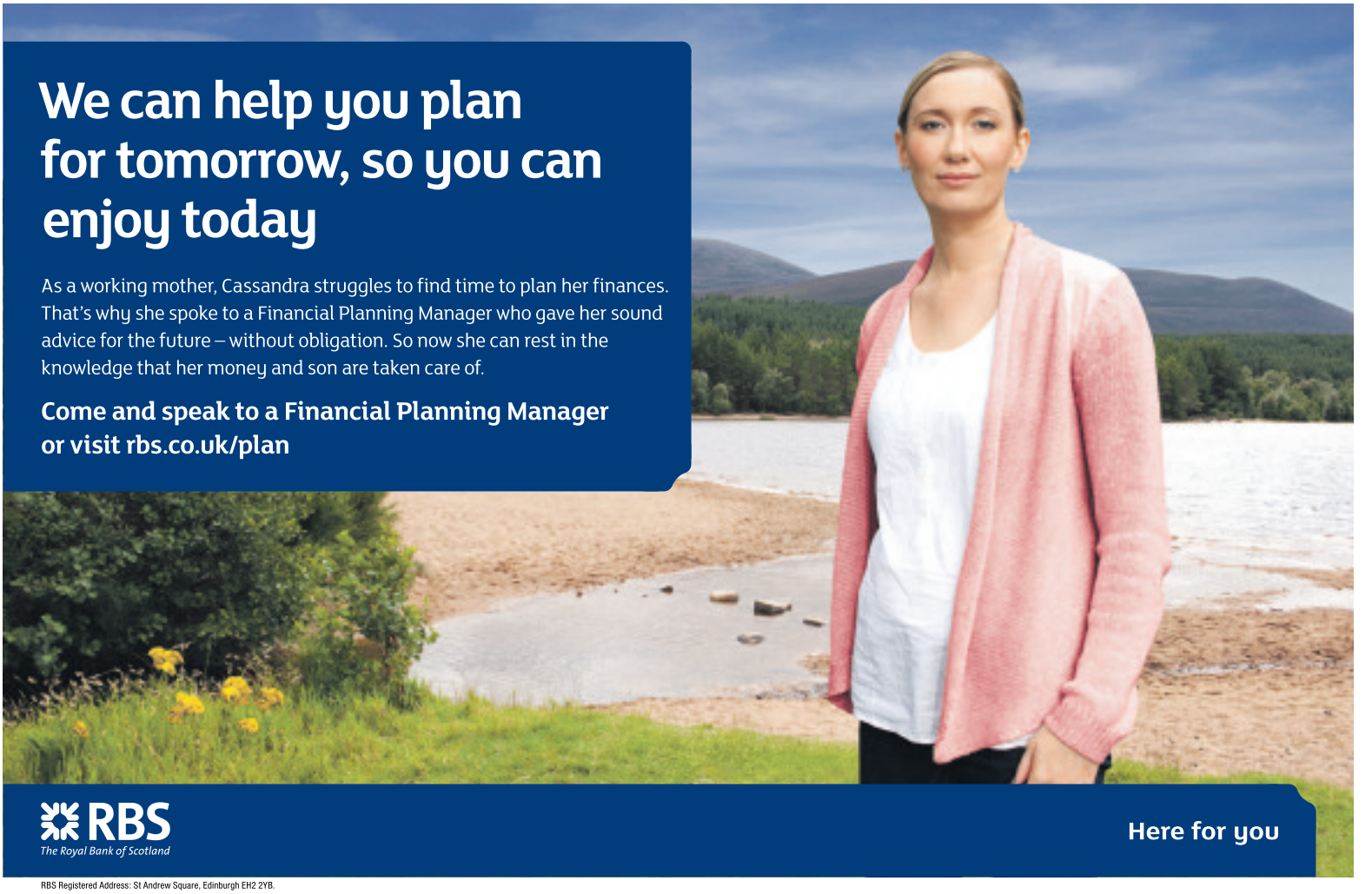
She said: "I started ballet, tap and modern dancing when I was about two- and-a-half right up until I was 16 and I used to teach a ballet class. The whole idea of SlimDance is that you don't really feel like you are exercising. I have been doing it for several weeks and it has been fantastic.

"I teach about 25 people as an average in each class at the moment. They are not just losing weight but they are losing inches from their tummies and hips." Jenny runs six classes a week and plans to increase this to 10. Classes are held in Brownhills, Cannock, Aldridge and Pelsall.









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Team back on home pitch after horseplay

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A youth football team forced to cancel matches because stray horses messed up the pitch can return to their home turf now repairs have been made.

The Moxley Rangers Football Club U15s were due to the Great Bridge Road site last weekend for the first time since the horses left piles of manure and hoof imprints in the turf.

Their scheduled home game on January 23 had to be abandoned on safety grounds due to divots which were caused by the horses' hooves.

Team secretary Jayne Kingdon praised Walsall Council after teams from the cleansing and parks' departments carried out a major clean up operation.

Mrs Kingdon said: "The six horses which were on there originally were moved and the council came in one day and cleaned up all the mess and brought in a tractor to level the pitch which looked perfect afterwards. But a few days later the horses came back, but there were nine of them this time.

Brilliant

"The council came back for a second clean up. They were absolutely brilliant and worked really hard on it. It looks perfect now. The horses haven't been back since."

She said the youths were now looking forward to their first home game since the problems began in the new year.

They were due to play host to Coven United at 2.15pm at the Great Bridge Road playing fields.

There have been problems with stray horses in Moxley and surrounding areas with complaints by residents about manure in front gardens, roads and on grass verges as the animals roamed round the estate for grazing as well as cropping up at the football pitch.

Complaints have also come from householders in Charnwood Close, Burns Road, Queen Street and in Curtin Drive, as well as in neighbouring Tipton where horses were spotted rummaging through bin bags on streets.

Problems with loose horses have also been reported in Bloxwich and Dudley.

Darlaston South ward representative Chris Bott said there had been no reports of stray horses in Moxley made during the last two weeks.

Top award for nursing home

A Walsall nursing home has been honoured with a top award for giving an excellent standard of care to its residents.

Celebrations were held at Aldridge Court Nursing Home, in Little Aston Road, following the centre achieving the Gold Standards Framework Care Homes Quality Hallmark Award.

The nursing home, which has been given a three star rating by the Care Quality Commission, has been running for more than 30 years and has 50 residents and 85 staff.

Walsall's Mayor and Mayoress Councillor Gary Clarke and wife Yvonne, GPs, healthcare workers and MacMillan nurses were invited to join the celebrations.

Pam Jones, administrator at the nursing home, said: "It went extremely well. The mayor said he thought it was a wonderful nursing home.

This award means a lot to the staff and we brought in everyone who has helped as a thank you.

It is a reward for all the hard work put in."

Nursing home manager Amy Purewal and senior nurse Esinah Seopela collected the plaque and certificate at a recent awards ceremony held in London.



Walsall's Mayor and Mayoress Councillor Gary Clarke and wife Yvonne with manager Amy Purewal at the award winning Aldridge Court Nursing Home



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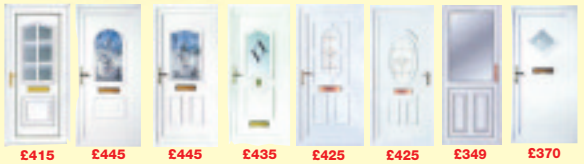


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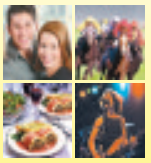
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Delivery firm stripped of licence over errors

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A delivery firm in Walsall has lost its operating licence for having an unroadworthy vehicle and failing to keep proper driver and safety records.

Zaheer Adal, trading as Zeds Fruit and Veg, has had his licence revoked for a catalogue of errors. An inspection of the company's delivery van revealed its brake pipe was badly corroded and weakened.

The company, which was listed to an address in Broadway North, was summoned to a public inquiry by West Midlands Traffic Commissioner Nick Jones.

He ruled the operating licence should be revoked from this Monday.

During the inspection of the delivery van, excessive fluid was found to be continuously leaking from the power steering, meaning the system was due to fail imminently.

Inspection

Vehicle examiner Austin Jones carried out the inspection, which also found that the rules on drivers' hours and tachographs were not being properly met and details about vehicle defects were not being properly recorded in writing.

The evidence brought before the traffic commissioner also revealed that Mr Adal was not keeping his vehicle, when not in use, at the place he said he would be when he first made his application for a licence.

His licence was due to be revoked at one minute before midnight on Monday. He has 28 days to appeal.

If Mr Adal does appeal and gets a new licence, it will be enforced with a number of strict conditions.

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Pupils say goodbye to Norma



Pelsall learning support assistant Norma Pearson says farewell as she retires.

Gifts and good wishes were showered on a school worker who has retired after more than 18 years' at a Pelsall school.

Pupils and staff at St Michael's Church of England Primary gave a heartfelt farewell to their treasured learning support assistant Norma Pearson. They presented her with goodies including champagne, perfume, flowers and, cards at her final assembly at the school she joined as a parent helper when her daughter Laura, now aged 25, was a pupil. St Michael's head Ros Hutchinson said: "We will all miss Norma dearly, she has been a dedicated staff member and a loyal friend. What more could any school ask for. She has changed the lives of many children over the years and her legacy will carry on."

Mrs Pearson, who celebrated her 65th birthday last week, successfully applied for the classroom job 18 years ago after a spell as a voluntary worker at the Maple Road school, near her home.

"The school has been a big part of my life," she said. "My last day was very emotional. I have seen countless children go through here which has been lovely."

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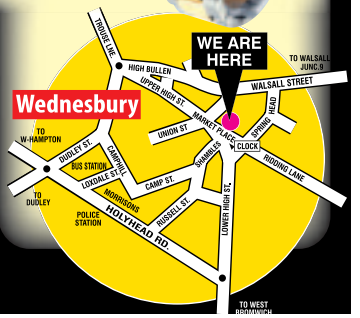
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Security stepped up after thefts

Security patrols have been stepped up "indefinitely" in two streets where 21 homes were stripped of lead while residents slept.

Repair work has been carried out at homes in Valley View and Catshill Road, Brownhills.

Workers from Walsall Housing Group are replacing lead flashing taken from around chimneys with a plastic substitute to make sure metal thieves do not strike again. Thousands of pounds of metal was stolen when thieves went on an overnight spree recently.

Nigel Harris, WHG asset management delivery manager, said: "The theft of lead flashing from bungalow roofs in Valley View and Catshill Road created a gap around the chimneys which could have let rain in.

"Our bricklayers have temporarily filled these gaps using a weak cement mix to protect residents and their belongings from the elements.

"We ordered scaffolding which was being erected and work to permanently replace the lead with a plastic substitute will begin.

"The work will start in Valley View and continue into Catshill Road."

He added: "In addition, colleagues from WHG's estate management and older persons's service teams have visited customers in all 21 bungalows affected to personally explain what is being done."

Vandal hit centre is to go

A former 1930s-built community centre in Darlaston which has become a magnet for vandals is to be pulled down.

Neighbours of Roapp Hall are reported to be "pleased" at the news the building would be go.

The derelict centre in Dorsett Road Terrace was built in 1937 but has fallen into disrepair since its closure.

New owners have now come in to take over, planning officers said.

Bob Scrivens, an area planning manager with Walsall Council, said: "The property has been sold in recent months. We are in contact with the new owners and we understand they intend to demolish the building."

Walsall Council had been looking into complaints about the state of the site.

Councillor Paul Bott, independent representative for Darlaston South, said local residents and councillors welcomed the news. "We're really pleased to hear Roapp Hall's going to be knocked down," he said.

Second phase skeleton hits the skyline

The signs of the next stage of the £65 million Walsall Waterfront scheme are now clearly visible in the town with the steel skeleton already reaching up into the skyline.

A total of 164 apartments are being created off Wolverhampton Street.

Work is due to take around 15 months and Cannock-based developers Jessup has pledged to use contractors from around the borough so it benefits from the massive development.

Two blocks of 82 homes are being built.

Council leader Mike Bird welcomed the latest development.

"It is another confidence booster in Walsall," he said.

"People are prepared to invest in the town and Jessups deserves a lot of credit for what they have done. I hope we will see this project through to its completion."

Work has been going-on at the site for a year as part of the project.

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Wife pulled from bomb rubble marks 70 years

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A heroic Walsall husband who is marking his platinum wedding anniversary has recalled how he dug his pregnant wife from the rubble of their bombed-out home during World War Two.

Now, 70 years later, they are celebrating a lifetime of marriage together.

Elizabeth-May Lawton was seven months' pregnant with their first child, John, when a bomb hit in 1941. Husband John carried her to an air raid shelter in their garden in Lowe Avenue, Darlaston.

The couple, who now live in Willenhall, went on to have three more children and they now have six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

John Lawton, aged 89, a retired factory worker, said: "There were 11 houses destroyed that night, and seven people killed. I had to dig my wife out and take her to the Anderson shelter. When we finally managed to get out of the house, the roof caved in. There were lots of ambulances there."

Children

He added: "That was in June 1941, and our son John was born on August 23."

The couple met at a nuts and bolts factory in Darlaston where Elizabeth-May – known as May – was taking breakfast to her father.

John invited her to see a film, and they went to see Gone With The Wind, although May had to pay for the date because John was "skint", she says.

John said: "She had to pay because I had no cash – it's the same now! She still loves me. It was love at first sight."

The couple married at St Lawrence's Church, in Darlaston on February 22, 1941. John joined the Home Guard, then was called up to the Royal Air Force in 1945. During their 70-year marriage the couple have witnessed the end of World War Two, two monarchs and 13 prime ministers.

Their children John, aged 69, Gillian Moore, 67, Margaret Champion, 64 and Annis Spinks, 55, say they "could not be more proud."



May, aged 87, and John, 89, celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary and inset the Lawtons on their wedding day in 1941.

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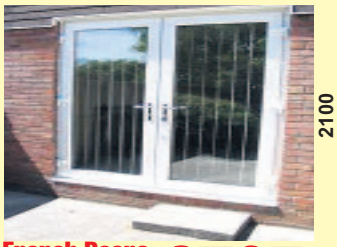

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Price is right for this cool dude Jessie



Jessie J – real name Jessica Cornish – from London is a songwriter (she penned Party In The USA for Miley Cyrus) and now a hugely, popular performer in her own right

AFTER her explosive entry into the UK charts with debut single Do It Like A Dude, Jessie J has landed her first UK no1 with single Price Tag after the track sold an incredible 84,000 copies in just one week.

Jessie J has well and truly cemented herself as the UK's hottest new diva, with a swagger and a personality as big as her belting, multi-octave voice. She will be strutting her stuff live on stage this spring including a big Saturday night gig at Birmingham's O2 Academy on April 2.

After becoming the winner of both the coveted Critics Choice Brit Award and BBC Sound Of 2011 Poll, an amazing double for a brand new artist, Island Records moved the release of Jessie J's debut album Who We Are a forward a month so it's released this week due to phenomenal public demand.



Dan the man for Wulfrun

DAN Clark is heading off on a UK tour and brings his first stand-up show for three years which calls in at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on April 7.

The star of BBC3's How Not to Live Your Life is promising to bring a warmer, more surreal show than his sitcom.

The 35-year-old (seen above) said: "It's a show that is split into two parts. The first half is stand-up, and the second is a mix of stand-up and songs."

His style of comedy has often been compared to Rik Mayall and Noel Fielding, the latter being a good friend of Clark's.

Clark first got into comedy in his teens, appearing in the legendary 'Heroes and Villains' episode of Only Fools and Horses.

He said: "I was one of the muggers Del and Rodney stumbled upon while dressed as Batman and Robin. "



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AROUND THE SCENE . . . AROUND THE SCENE . . . AROUND THE SCENE

EAST END comic Micky Flanagan, the comedy star of last year's Royal Variety Performance, brings his razor-sharp observational wit to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on May 11 as one of the extra dates on his tour. Tickets are £17.50.

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MOCK The Week regular Andy Parsons will be at Wolverhampton's Civic on April 8 and comedian and activist Mark Thomas has sold out the Slade Rooms on April 27. Other comedy highlights include wanna-be King of the Jungle Dom Joly at the Wulfrun Hall (May 10); comedy impressionist and sound effects man Terry Anderton, Slade Rooms (March 10); Simon Munnery, Slade Rooms (March 12) and Canadian Tom Stade at the Wulfrun Hall (March 15).

THE Rockin´ Berries show (part of their 50th anniversary tour) that was due to take place at the Wulfrun Hall next Saturday (12) has been cancelled. Refunds are available at point of purchase on return of tickets.

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UP-AND-COMING soul singer-songwriter Liam Bailey, who has been championed by Amy Winehouse and signed to her Lioness label, will be supporting Plan B at his gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tonight (Thurs) and is supporting Jessie J at Birmingham O2 Academy on April 2.

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GLOBAL, multi-million selling recording artist Charlie Landsborough releases his latest album Love In A Song on March 21 featuring classics such as Miss You Nights and and The Wind Beneath My Wings. Charlie shot to fame in 1995 and has won many country music awards. Love, In A Song brings a contemporary feel into the recordings. He will be embarking on a 14-date UK spring tour taking in Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre on Sunday, March 27

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MARCH highlights at Bilston venue the Robin 2 include: Dutch 'symphonic' rockers Epica fronted by Simone Simons on March 10; 60s rockers The Pretty Things (12) Liverpool soul favourites The Real Thing (18) punk veterans Stiff Little Fingers (21) Britain's Got Talent sax man Julian Smith (26) I Wish I Was A Punk Rocker hit-maker Sandi Thom (27). For more details or to book call 01902 401211.













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Find highbrow humour with Strauss' Maus

Another rural idyll features in Birmingham Royal Ballet's charming version of La Fille mal gardee, choreographed by Frederick Ashton, at the Hippodrome to Saturday.

Waltz king Johann Strauss II's comic operetta Die Fledermaus is staged at the Hippodrome in Welsh National Opera's new production directed by John Copley on Wednesday (March 9) and again on Friday (March 11). In between, and on March 12, WNO stage Verdi's full-blooded tragedy Il Trovatore.



Strauss' Die Fledermaus with Alan Opie as Frank and Jo Boag as Adele. *Picture, Clive Barda*

Revival of traditional country drama to wit

A revival of the witty 19th Century English country drama Cranford, based on the classic book by Elizabeth Gaskell, is at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday for one week, starring Ben Roberts, best known as Chief Inspector Derek Conway in TV cop drama The Bill.

He will be alongside film, stage and television actress Hildegard Neil (who is married to Brian Blessed), former Grange Hill actress Karen Ford, and familiar TV faces Jake Hendriks (Hollyoaks) and Judy Buxton (On The Up).

This 60-year-old stage adaptation of the novel, made popular again by the star-studded BBC TV version, lets the audience look into the lives of the market town's residents, including a gaggle of gossiping ladies, but their domestic bliss is threatened by the spectre of financial ruin.

The Grand hosts Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, featuring Keith Jack in the coat of many colours, with matinee and evening performances today (Thursday), Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Alicia Turrell and Hollyoaks' Jake Hendriks.

RACHEL KAVANAUGH directs Lucy Caldwell's Notes To Future Self, about the daughters of a 'New Age' globetrotter who return to Birmingham, at the Mac in Cannon Hill Park, Edgbaston, to March 12 before touring.

SCIENCE Museum Live on Tour aims to persuade youngsters that science is fun with explosive demonstrations on stage at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Wednesday at 1.30 and 7pm.

THE ORCHESTRA of the Swan present Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit and His Friends, a fancy dress treat with music and stories presented by children's TV favourite Lorna Laidlaw and involving hundreds of local schoolchildren. It's on at Birmingham Town Hall at 11am on Saturday. West End star, successful recording artist and Radio 2 DJ Elaine Paige will be in concert at the city's Symphony Hall on Monday.

WOMEN'S theatre group Foursight from Wolverhampton have joined forces with a male theatre group from Portugal for the grotesque and poignant Pertencia, staged at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Icarus present their revamp of Hamlet at the Arena on March 10.

FOR COMEDY head to Wolverhampton, Richard Herring is in action on Saturday night at the Wulfrun Hall, Geordie comedienne Sarah Millican has sold out her Wulfrun show on Sunday and Shooting Stars' burger van philosopher Angelos Epithemiou will be at the same venue on Wednesday. Lenny Henry returns to the Black Country with his show looking back at his life via music, Cradle To Rave, at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Thursday, March 10.

MORE comedy in Birmingham where on Saturday night, at the Crescent Theatre, Mrs Barbara Nice introduces the characters created by the Black Country's Fizzogg Theatre group.

MUSICAL blockbuster The Sound of Music, with Verity Rushworth and Jason Donovan, ends its run at Stoke's Regent Theatre on Saturday. Then Shaun The Sheep stars in his own music and dance extravaganza Shaun's Big Show at the Regent from March 9 to 13.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.25 Scrumby Kitchen Live. 9.40 Keyword Classic Modern Sequels. (R) 10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 10.05 Football Focus. 10.40 Live Athletics. 11.30 First Score. 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.05 All Star Mr & Mrs International Special.

12.30 **Let's Dance for Comic Relief.** Joe Swash, Caroline Flack, Adrian Edmondson, Nancy Dell'Olio, Bruno Brookes, Lee Nelson, Toyah Willcox, Claire Grogan, Chesney Hawkes and Lemar compete in the dancing contest.

2.40 **The National Lottery: Secret Numbers.** Two lucky Heartbeat fans take part in the Nightingale quiz show presented by Nick Knowles, hoping to win enough money to take a coach trip to Nashville in America.

3.30 **Countdown.** Nick tries to run circles around Lisa's vowels in Scarborough, with Lee Brother, while Jackie is obsessed after the comper count and records an unwelcome visit to the Maryans.

4.00 **Live at the Apollo.** With Rhod Gilbert and John Bishop. (R)

4.50 **BBC News Headlines.**

4.55 **Inside Out: Inside Out Book of the Day.** Including highlights of Arsenal v Sunderland; National Lottery Update.

5.30 **The Football League Show** including highlights of Chelsea v Port Vale; Liverpool v Leicester City; Weather and results.

6.15 BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 Elevenses. 9.30 CBBC Escape to the Country. (R) 10.00 Film: Bicentennial Man (1999) Sci-fi drama, starring Robin Williams. 12.00 Into the Wild. (R) 12.30 Live Athletics: The European Indoor Championships. 2.00 Churches: How to Read Them. (R) 2.30 Flog It! (R)

3.00 **The Story of Glyndebourne.** The evolution of England's most famous opera house.

3.30 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring dreams he is a Napoleon. (R)

4.00 **A Million Books for Free: A Culture Show Special.** Andrew Graham-Dixon follows preparations for World Book Night.

4.30 **World Book Night Live from Glasgow's Aye Write! Festival.** A chat report from the literary event.

4.40 **The Books We Really Read: A Culture Show Special.** The essential ingredients of a book-selling novel.

5.00 **World Book Night Live from Both Literature Festival.**

5.30 **How Novelists Get Out of the Bath: The Culture Show.** A celebration of the role of inspiration in new writers in British fiction.

6.00 **World Book Night Live from Royal Festival Hall.**

8.00 **FILE 1: Robin Hood: Rebellion.** (2006) Romance, drama, with Matthew Goode, Ben Whishaw, Hayley Atwell and Emma Thompson.

10.00 ODI Cricket: World Cup Highlights. 10.50 Fine State Foods. (1947) Room drama, starring Burt Lancaster. 11.40 Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. Mid GMTV. 9.25 GMTV. 9.30 Coronation Street. 10.00 This Morning. Saturday Kitchen. 12.00 ITV News. 12.05 Film: Kindergarten Cop. (1990) Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. 2.40 Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. 3.55 Regional Programmes. 4.00 ITV News Weather.

4.10 **Don't Go For Broke.**

4.30 **Harry Hill's TV Burp.** Comprehension of the week's small screen highlights.

5.00 **Auntie Dee's Pack to Britain.** Last week's stunning family reunion, voted to be a few out of challenges, with the hosts are hoping to hold on to as much of their all-cause £100,000 as possible.

5.30 **Who Do You Think You Are?** Newsreader Fiona Bruce discovers her ancestors' role in the Irish Famine.

6.30 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

7.30 **Film: Lady Vengeance.** (2005) Thriller, starring Yeong-ae Lee. 9.40 Glee. (R) To Be Announced. (R) 10.40 ITV Late News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sell Mell. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Superbike: World Championship 2011. (R) 8.00 The Last Leg. 8.30 The Morning Line. 9.00 Tic Friends. (R) 9.30 Tic Friends. (R) 10.00 Tic Friends. (R) 10.30 Tic Friends. (R) 11.00 Tic Glee. 11.30 Tic Sport. Bright Filmbuster. 12.00 Tic Jennifer Lopez Video Exclusive. 12.30 Tic The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 Tic The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 Tic Channel 4 Racing. 3.30 The Great Supper Club. 4.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 **The Political Club.** By Nicola Sturgeon of the Scottish National Party.

6.30 **Obsessed Women.**

7.00 **Hiking Man.** Chris's Bio discusses her view that religion turns into feminism.

7.30 **River Cottage Diary Dog.** How to utilise outbreaks, self-sourced fish. (R)

8.00 **Seven Ages of Britain.** The first page, between 5,000BC and 1,000BC. (R)

9.00 **FILE 1: Tribes.** [2004] Romance, Thriller, starring Lena Headey, Famke Janssen and Maggie Grace.

10.40 **FILE 1: Flight of the Phoenix.** (2004) Action adventure, starring Dennis Quaid.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.00 Zoo Days. (R) 10.00 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.30 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.30 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.30 Film: Pride Class of Blades. (1994) Romance, starring Jamie Luner. 2.30 Film: Fire-break. (1999) Western, starring James Stewart. 4.30 Film: Superman II. (1980) Comedy, with Christopher Reeve.

5.00 News.

5.05 **CSI.** An explosion at a recruitment centre leads to a multi-murder investigation. (R)

6.00 **CSI: Miami's Greatest Hits.** A compilation of the show's most memorable quotes. (R)

6.30 **CSI: Miami.** Calleigh takes drastic action to foil one of the conjurers, and apparently causes the death of a bystander – but the other CSIs believe she is innocent and set out to clear her name. (R)

7.30 **CSI: NY.** Part two of two. Mac continues the investigation into the murder of Chief Conner Bolton and begins to suspect Conner himself is the killer. Starring Gary Sinise.

8.30 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** An old homicide case is reopened. (R)

9.30 **Forensic Files.** A necklace helps to identify a murder victim.

10.30 **Supercopters.** Brian Gerald's Chisel Tour. (R) 11.30 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 12.30 Hench Heights. (R) 1.30 The Matchbox Show. (R) 2.30 Thomas & Friends. (R) 3.00 Everything Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

6.00 Film: One Tree Hill (2003) 6.55 Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement 8.30 Celebrity Juice 9.55 Film: Lovely Liz's Wife (1999)

ITV3

6.30 Agatha Raisin 7.35 Inspector Morse 9.05 Rosemary & Thyme 9.55 Midsomer Murders 11.50 Murder in Suburbia

ITV4

8.05 Film: Boogie Nights (1997) 11.05 Film: Escape to Witch Mountain (1974) 1.00 Film: Escape to Witch Mountain (1974) 3.00 Film: The Mist 4.55 Wales Rip World 5.00 Ultimate Force 5.50 Film: Unleashed (2005)

BBC THREE

2.00 Top Gear 4.00 Great TV Mistakes 4.30 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 4.55 Film: Snowdonia (2004) 6.55 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

2.00 Islands: Great Britain 3.00 The Choir: Take Three Choirs | Britain 4.00 The Killing 10.35 How TV Ruined Your Life 11.35 Absolute Zero 12.30

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8.35 Holyoaks 9.00 Little Britain 9.30 Shaun Ryder's 4.04 Chris 2.00 The Big Bang Theory 3.00 Friends 3.30 Drama School: Diversity of Classes 10.00 The Greatest Show 10.10 Bob's Burgers 11.00 Film: Brides (2004)

FILE 1

3.00 Carry On Cruising (1962) 5.05 Kitty: Adventure Ultimo (2005) Adventure in America (1938) A black woman considers for her daughter's biological father, and is dismayed when he turns out to be a black white salesman. Female Boo-ness, starring Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Danson. 4.04 The X Factor: Must Be Online (2004) Paranormal investigators Minder and Goody cover a lot of territory in the USA. Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (2008) Kit Kittredge moves to Cincinnati with Dad Bridge-port, with Dad Dudley and Gillian Anderson. 10.05 All the Boys Love Mandy Lane (2006)

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COUNTRY HOUSE RESCUE

Channel 4, 9pm

Hugh Bonneville's flustered features look decidedly at home in the grounds of one of the UK's most beautiful but increasingly dilapidated historic buildings in this second series. As with the first, many owners follow restoration and insider Phil Wilson not shy to ask about changing the features of these places, not only by making them more friendly for tourists by educating their owners – some have little business experience – and need advice on how to get the best out of their properties. Among those who'll be helping this series are the Scarborough of Kenilworth and the Marquis of Normanby.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Match of the Day (T) 9.45 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 10.50 Countryfile. 11.50 The Politics Show. 12.00 Eggheads. 12.45 EastEnders. 1.15 Weekend Live. 1.45 Escape to the Country. 2.30 Songs of Praise. 3.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

3.45 Lloyd Grossman's Glorious Gardens. Prospect for cutting yew and apple cut. (T)

4.30 The Secret Life of Dogs. Dog Mania! researches a neglected pampered dog using hidden surveillance techniques. (R)

5.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore the history of the Thames Estuary before taking part in a barge race. Also Adam Hollioake learns how Chinese Dragon is found inspiration in Essex, looking Woodbridge for the Week Ahead.

5.45 Antiques Roadshow. More valuations from the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, Devon.

6.40 South Riding. A lawsuit leaves Robert losing out. Last in the series.

7.30 BBC News; Regional News and Weather.

8.00 Crimewatch. Crime re-enactments identify a car to be exposed.

8.30 The City and Guilds Patron Moore presents the 700th edition of the antiques series.

9.00 Panorama. (T) 9.30 Grand Slam TV. The Super League Show. 10.45 Lord Bilton. (T) Weatherman. 11.00 Gun Crime: Profile of Problem. 11.45 Rugby League Show. 12.45 Imagine. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 Classical. 10.00 CBBC. 9.05 Something for the Weekend. 9.30 Film: 2001 with Charlie Watterman. (T) 11.00 Film: In a Lonely Place. (1950) Film noir suspense thriller, starring Humphrey Bogart. 12.50 Live Athletics. The third and final day of the European Indoor Championships. 3.00 Coast. (T) 3.50 Sportsnight and the Grand Egg. (T)

5.20 FILE: Finding Homebreak. (2004) Author Jill Barnett travels to Scotland with her two and her four boys, inspired by the search for the character of Peter Pan Disney, starring Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet and Freddie Highmore.

6.50 Top Gear. Part one of two. Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond present a compilation of highlights from the 10th series of the motoring programme.

7.50 Wonders of the Universe. New series. Professor Brian Cox investigates how the development of mankind and the history of the universe are intertwined, beginning by exploring the nature of time.

8.50 Ghosts of the Deep. Including highlights of Liverpool v Manchester United.

9.50 BBC Global Rugby Sevens. Fiji v Samoa.

10.50 Fast and Loose. (T) 11.25 Film: Zidane - A 21st Century Portrait. (2006) Documentary following the former footballer. 1.00 BBC News. 1.10 The Super League Show. 1.40 Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV. Mid GMTV. 9.25 GTTV. Mid Map the Best House Win. (T) 10.30 The Digital Lover. (T) 11.40 The Morning Sunday. 12.00 Diana: Dare. (T) 12.50 ITV News; Weather. 1.05 Film: Columbo: Negative Reaction. (1978) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 2.50 Midsomer Murders. (T) 3.50 Regional Programmes. 4.20 ITV News; Weather.

5.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (T)

5.30 Deadliest Catch. Philip Schofield and Holly Willoughby host a new rewarding celebrities' love an extra challenge to crowd choice up the competition, and there is a performance by Terrell and Dean.

6.30 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Would-be millionaires compete to win Lesquin Ben Danny reaches a deal with Frederick to set up a bid thought, but the Early suspect is jailed at the site, leading to astonishing lie.

7.30 Dancing on Ice: The Glide Off. The two heartbreaking couples compete, and Hollie Schooling her performance.

8.30 ITV Nightly Weather.

8.35 Dancing on Ice. (T) 10.30 Film: The Collision Kid. (2004) British family comedy, starring Diana Bloom. 12.20 ITV Nightscreen. 1.10 ITV News at Ten.

Channel 4

6.00 Sell Mill. (T) 6.30 The Hooke. (T) 7.00 Fifa Freestyle World Ski Championships. 7.30 That Reality Is Show. (T) 8.00 TA: That Reality Is Show. (T) 8.30 TA: The Chase. 9.00 TA: Friends. (T) 9.30 TA: Friends. 10.00 TA: The Chase. (T) 10.30 TA: The Simpsons. (T) 11.00 Jurassic 30 Minutes Meals. (T) 11.30 Jurassic 30 Minutes Meals. (T) 12.00 Jurassic 30 Minutes Meals. (T) 12.30 Jurassic 30 Minutes Meals. (T) 1.00 Jurassic 30 Minutes Meals. (T) 1.30 Deal or No Deal. 2.00 Three Years.

3.00 Channel 4 News. 3.05 Highlights: A Roman Catholic upgrade to the Virgin Mary is a role model for modern women.

3.30 Grand Designs with Kia. An Area team's restoration, a redecorating DJ, a framed advisor and a vegetarian compete for the £5,000 prize as the three jump challenge heads to north Lancashire.

4.30 Childhood at Lydia Vicar Nursery. A new series. Neil Ferguson explores the World's role in global conditions.

5.00 Country Homes and Interiors. A new series. A father and son argue over the fate of their estate in Lancashire.

5.30 FILE: Elf & Mrs Claus. (2002) Comedy adventure, with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

6.45 Music on 4: Best Albums Chart Show Special. 6.55 Album Chart Show Introduces: The Pixies. 7.00 Pop Britain Has Power. (R) 8.00 Going Break. 8.30 The Fairy Jobmaster. (R) 9.00 The Family. (R) 9.30 Without a Trace. (R) 10.00 Peeping. (R) 10.30 Cash Counsellors. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.30 Peppa the Flowing Cat. (R) 6.40 Pip and the Flowerpot. (R) 6.50 Peanut Stan. (R) 6.55 Mike Spider: Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 7.00 The Bears. (R) 7.05 Mio Mio. (R) 7.20 Chip. (R) Bratberry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.40 Noisy Way for Noisy. (R) 7.50 Lyrics Queen. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 Horrid Henry. (R) 8.30 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.40 Fireball. (R) 8.50 Mighty Machines. (R) 9.00 Super Bear. (R) 9.05 Guess How Much I Love You. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.25 The Little Miss Show. (R) 9.40 Zoo Days. (R) 9.50 Steve Mallet Chefs. (R) 9.55 Stanley: The Little Story. (R) 10.00 Cowboy Builders. (R) 10.05 Cowboy Builders. (R) 10.10 Film: Pecky Friday. (2002) Comedy-drama, starring Shelley Long and Sally Hellmann. 11.50 Nova. 12.50 Film: Spy Kids. (2001) Family adventure, starring Antonio Banderas. 2.40 Film: Superman II. (1980)

4.30 Royal Navy Civilian Police. HMS Manchester is put on operations alert for the Iraqi crisis season.

5.30 FILE: Bulletproof. (1996) Action comedy starring Adam Sandler, Damon Wayans and James Caan.

7.00 FILE: Old Gringo. (1989) Period comedy starring Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor.

8.00 Cops in Crisis. (R) 8.30 SuperCops. 9.00 Brian Cowell & Guard Tour. (R) 9.30 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.00 Hamish Holmes. (R) 10.30 The Willoughby Show. (R) 11.00 Thomas & Friends. (R) 11.30 Lucy Pooey the Pooing Cat. (R)

Digital

ITV2

6.00 Film: Gary Cole Jack. (1994) Sci-fi. Ayatollah Grabbit's Point. 7.50 The Police. 8.10 Sherlock Holmes. 8.40 Pickle War. 8.50 Ayatollah Grabbit's Point.

ITV3

6.55 Film: Gary Cole Jack. (1994) Sci-fi. Ayatollah Grabbit's Point. 7.50 The Police. 8.10 Sherlock Holmes. 8.40 Pickle War. 8.50 Ayatollah Grabbit's Point.

ITV4

6.55 Film: Spy Game. (1994) 7.50 The Bonecrusher. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union. 9.00 Film: Jane. (2011) 9.50 Film: The Robert Horror. 10.50 Wolf.

BBC THREE

7.00 The World's Strictest Parents. 8.00 Jamie Doubles Your Life in Three Hours. 9.00 Being Human. 10.00 Reality Day. 10.30 Jamie and Dad. 11.00 Being Human.

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Story of Science – Power. Pioneer Passion. 8.00 The Story of Money with Niall Ferguson. 9.00 Electric Dreams. 10.00 Film: La Ciénaga. (2001) 11.30 Film: Hamilton: Love Stories.

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6.00 Lleifior Gwaith. 6.30 Film: Cheaper by the Dozen. (2003) 8.00 Fflach: 2. 8.30 Rhaglen Sioe Frenhinol Cymru. 9.00 Pobol y Cwm. 9.30 Newyddion. 10.00 Film: La Ciénaga. (2001) 11.30 Film: Hamilton: Love Stories.

FILM4

6.00 The Emperor's New Clothes. (2001) 8.00 Tristram Shandy: A Cock and Bull Story. (2005) A mad man tries to make a film about the life of Tristram Shandy, a character in the 18th Century novel. Comedy drama, with Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon, Gillian Anderson and Dylan Moran. 10.00 The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising. (2007) A boy is a member of a secret society dedicated to preventing the forces of evil from taking over the world. Fantasy adventure, with Alexis Bledel, Christopher Eccleston and Ian McShane. 11.50 Film: Pandorum. (2009) Sci-fi thriller about two astronauts who wake up on a spaceship with no memory of their past.

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. 9.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Week or Ready? 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Smoking and the Bandits: Panorama. 9.00 Motorway Cops. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Mrs Brown's Boys. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.25 The Apprentice USA: Weatherview. 1.55 Sign Zone: Silk. (R) 2.55 Imagine. (R) 3.55 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Nature's Top 40. (R) 3.00 Flog It! 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 Parents Under Pressure. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Raymond Mack Mother's Secret. 9.00 When Teenage Meets Old Age. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.20 Antiland Parish. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Looce Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 House Gift. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midcomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Latest. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order: UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 New Homes from Hell 2009. (R) 11.35 River Monsters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 3.55 ITV Nightcoreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Teacle People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) Z15 Freshly Squeezed. Z00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.05 Supernanny USA. 10.00 The Good Wife. (R) 10.55 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The TV Book Club. 12.30 Flint: Death Drums Along the River. (1963) Murder mystery remake, starring Richard Todd. 2.05 Cookery School. 2.30 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Z00 Channel 4 News. Z55 #thoughtfix. 8.00 Dickatales: Selling Off Britain. 8.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Flint: Boom! Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan. (2008) Spoof documentary with Sacha Baron Cohen. 11.00 Flint: Macho Libre. (2000) 12.00 Rome Wasn't Built in a Day. (R) 2.05 Royal Deaths and Disasters. (R) 3.00 Cookery. (R) 4.05 The Bible: A History. (R) 5.00 Reaper. (R) 5.25 Wogamb: Perfect Recall. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Nature's Top 40. (R) 3.00 Flog It! 3.45 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 4.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 A Farmer's Life for Me. 8.00 The British at Work. 9.00 Mock the Week. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. 12.20 The Culture Show. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 9.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Looce Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 House Gift. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midcomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Make Your Own School: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Monroe. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Benidorm. (R) 11.35 Send In the Dogs. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.25 Make Your Own School Tonight. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightcoreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) Z15 Freshly Squeezed. Z00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 According to Jim. (R) 9.05 Supernanny USA. 10.00 The Good Wife. (R) 10.55 The Federation Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.15 Film: Sea of Sand. (1958) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Attenborough. 2.05 Cookery School. 2.30 Countdown. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Z00 Channel 4 News. Z55 #thoughtfix. 8.00 Relocation, Relocation. 9.00 Love Thy Neighbour. 10.00 10 O'Clock Live. 11.05 Friday Night Dinner. (R) 11.35 The Ricky Gervais Show. 12.05 Music on 4: CTRL Mix. 12.40 Music on 4: On Track. (R) 1.10 Mudcourt 4: The Crutch. (R) 2.00 The People's Supermarket. (R) 2.55 Dickatales: Selling Off Britain. (R) 3.45 Without a Trace. (R) 4.30 Reaper. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 8.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.05 Magic in Moments. (R) 12.30 News. 12.15 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 3.20 Film: Lies and Deception. (2005) Thriller, starring Madchen Amick. 5.00 News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Old TV. Daily magazine show, hosted by Kate Walsh and Matt Johnson. 7.00 News. 7.30 Live UEFA Europa League Football. A last-16 first-leg encounter. 10.15 Film: The Longest Yard. (2005) An imprisoned quarterback is given the task of forming a team of inmates to play American football against the guards. Comedy remake, starring Adam Sandler and Chris Rock. 12.20 SuperCasino. 3.55 Your Sport. (R) 4.05 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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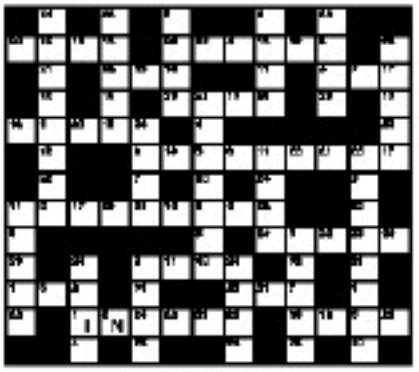
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No.108

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different one of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

Z	B	S	J	Y	I	O	K	M	A	C	H	E	
X	F	Q	G	L	R	V	N	D	P	U	T	W	

Double Crossword

Choose either the quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Have panic and nudge to a main representative (5,2)
8. Rat needs newer reading (4)
9. You apparently earn when a lay (3,2)
14. Try mind to get the remedy (5)
12. Hundred in a canoe (4)
14. Nothing doing? (4)
16. Dealt may use a lever (4)
18. Lure round from the needle despite being cautious (6)
20. Jumpin our tennis scores (5)
22. Item a man following a style (3,1,7)

Down

1. Was against a new nutmeg (5)
2. A polarised amusement (5)
3. I fancied no pain on my operation (6)
4. It sounds highly unnatural (4)
5. Let's tinker in the long run (3)
6. Luminously light (6)
11. Legend help you to sleep again? (5)
13. Ice may have the will to nonsense things (5)
15. Confidently in action (5)
17. Luminous and insanely perhaps (5)
19. Northern not working in your light (4)
21. New made liquor (4)

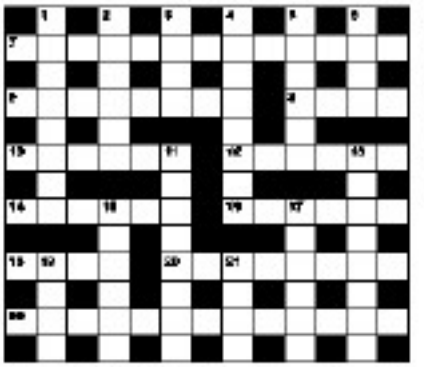
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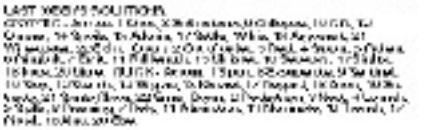
7. Understanding (10)
8. Glue (4)
9. Aeon (4)
14. Unabashed measure mom (5)
12. Knave test (4)
14. Dreamer (6)
16. Unusually (6)
18. Gutter (4)
20. Rashes (4)
22. Public notice (10)

Down

1. Summation (8)
2. Cretan (6)
3. Hotly (6)
4. Pole (4)
5. Climb (10)
6. Bargain (6)
11. Unsatisfy (4)
13. Magnetic (8)
15. Representation (6)
17. Lion-like (6)
19. Whirlpool (4)
21. Simplicity (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Nice ice baby as stars melt hearts

AFTER wowing more than a million people across the country in previous years with stunning ice performances, skating legends Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean will embark on a fifth live UK tour of Dancing on Ice due to arrive in Birmingham in April

This year's tour features more celebrity skaters from the current ITV1 series than ever before. Torvill and Dean will be joined by bookie's favourite EastEnders actor Sam Attwater, alongside TV presenter Chloe Madeley, Chris Moyles' sidekick Comedy Dave Vitty, children's TV presenter Laura Hamilton, Coronation Street and Loose Women's Denise Welch, singing legend Vanilla Ice and Victoria Cross winner Johnson Beharry.

The tour will also see the welcome return of Dancing on Ice 2010 winner, actress Hayley Tamaddon.

TV personality and one time King of the Jungle Christopher Biggins who debuted as a judge on 2010 tour, returns to the panel alongside skating gold medallist and TV judge Robin Cousins and head skating coach from the ITV series, Karen Barber.

Popular TV presenter Andi Peters returns to host the tour.

All of the celebrities will be trained and choreographed by Torvill and Dean, who will also perform routines choreographed exclusively for the live tour. One further celebrity skater is due to be announced.



Cool customer Vanilla Ice has proved very popular on the show

Decide

The four-week UK tour starting in Sheffield, will also travel to Newcastle, Nottingham, London and Manchester.

At each performance the audience can vote for their favourite celebrity skater. Using the same format as the hit ITV1 show. Spectators can use their mobile phones to text vote for their favourite celebrity.

Audience votes will then be added to scores from the judges to decide the overall celebrity winner. The winning couple then take to the ice for a finale performance.

As with previous tours, all profits from text voting will go to charity. More than £100,000 has been raised to date and has been donated to the Royal London Society For The Blind and Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

The tour starts in Sheffield on Saturday, April 9 and is due to move to Birmingham's NIA on Friday, April 15 and run through there until Monday, April 18. Evening shows take place at 7.30pm on April 15, 16 and 18, and 6.30pm on April 17. Afternoon shows are at 2.30pm on April 16 and 1.30pm on April 17. Vanilla Ice cannot perform during the shows on Saturday, April 16.

Vanilla Ice will not be performing at all the shows.

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Tipped as a possible winner is Laura Hamilton

REVIEWS

Tinie Tempah, 02 Academy

EXACTLY one year ago 22-year-old rapper Tinie Tempah released his debut single. Now the double Brit Award winner is showcasing sell-out gigs across the country.

As he bounced on to the stage at Birmingham's O2 Academy, the crowd, many sporting Tinie's signature spectacles, roared with excitement. Joined by a live band and DJ Charlsey, Tinie kicked off with his latest release, Wonderman- a collaboration with Ellie Goulding.

The effortless performance was memorising and from the outset it was clear to see that this was just the beginning of a career that many artists can only dream of. With the crowd hanging on Tinie's every word his modesty was humbling. He said: "This show in Birmingham has got to be the best yet. I love it and I love you all."

One girl was the envy of the room as she joined Tinie on stage to celebrate her 15th birthday.

He added: "If I could get you all on stage I would. It's because of you and your support that I am here today, I can't thank you enough.

The academy lit up when Tinie encouraged fans to take a picture as he performed his new single, Snap. It was a vision that the London-born rapper said he would remember forever.

The full-capacity crowd never tired of jumping along to an array of the star's chart hits.

After two encores, Tinie, who as toured with the likes of Usher, Pharrell Williams and Rhianna, ended the night with his single of the year, Pass Out.

SARAH HAZELWOOD

James Blunt, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

JAMES Blunt can best be described as the Marmite of pop – you either love him or hate him. In Wolverhampton at least, he falls into the former category judging by the crowd reaction.

On his 37th birthday, the former Army officer launched into four straight songs before taking time out to chat to the sell-out crowd.

By the end of a set that included favourites including You're Beautiful and Goodbye My Lover, as well as songs from new album Some Kind of Trouble, he had the majority of his fans up in their seats dancing.

Blunt ended with 1973, but I still couldn't help but think of Gavin & Stacey's Uncle Bryn during the performance of Wisemen.

MARK SHIPP

Youth theatre will stage two evenings of music

Two evenings of music are on offer this month from Aldridge Youth Theatre.

AYT in Noddy Park Road, Aldridge will welcome once again Aldridge School who return after their successful concert last year.

The concert on Sunday March at 8pm. Tickets cost £5.

The musicians from Aldridge School will be playing popular items of music from stage and screen – from easy listening to well-known melodies. The school will be donating profits to the Youth Theatre's funds.

The second of the concerts is on Friday March 25 at 7:30pm. Tickets £7 .

The theatre presents An Evening With Guy Rowlands. Professional actor, pianist and raconteur, Guy has been a great friend to AYT for more than a decade.

Audiences at AYT's pantomimes will know him as the accompanist but he has also entertained with hilarious and enchanting one-man shows, comic monologues, songs, dazzling piano playing and stories of famous musicians. Guy is also generously donating profits from this show to AYT.

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Offers of £104,950 for two-bed semi

Red Brook Road in Cavendish Park is a semi-detached house with two bedrooms, on the market for offers of £104,950.

Fraser Wood is the agent marketing the house and advises that there is a private driveway with parking, gas central heating and uPVC double-glazed windows.

The ground floor is accessed via a reception hall with a radiator and opens to a kitchen facing the front elevation which measures 9ft 9in x 7ft 6in.

The room has a range of fitted base- and wall-mounted cupboards with worksurfaces and tiled splashbacks.

There is also an inset sink unit with hot and cold mixer tap, integral four-ring gas hob and electric oven with extractor hood and light and plumbing for a washing machine.

Garden

To the rear is a lounge measuring 14ft 3in x 12ft where a door provides access to the rear garden.

Once upstairs, the landing has loft access, doors opening to the two bedrooms and a bathroom.

The main bedroom, located to the rear, measures 12ft x 8ft 10in while the second room has dimensions of 11ft 10in x 8ft 6in and faces the front.

Attachment

Both rooms include a radiator and uPVC double-glazed window.

Also on the first floor is the bathroom which comprises a suite with panelled bath and shower attachment, low-flush WC, pedestal wash basin and radiator.

Outside, a gated walkway provides access to a predominantly lawned rear garden with paving and a patio.

For further information visit the agent's website at www.fraser-wood.co.uk or call 01922 627686.

The agent also advises that the house falls within Walsall Council tax Band b.



Visit www.fraser-wood.co.uk for further information regarding Red Brook Road in Cavendish Park or call 01922 627686 for details.



Two bedrooms are located to the front and rear with double-glazed windows.



French doors open to provide access to a rear garden and paved patio area.

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Lot 6: The Willows, 1 Park Road, Hockley, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 7: 156 High Street, Aston, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 8: 29 All Saints Road, Hockley, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 9: Alderlea, 32 Middle Park Road, Bournville, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 10: Milton Grange, 16 Handsworth Wood Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
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Lot 15: 1 Primrose Cottages, Off George Street, Lozells, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
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Lot 22: 1, 3, 19 & 56 Chelworth Road & 47 Holly Dell, Kings Norton, Birmingham & 43 Beacon Street, Blston — Ground Rent
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Lot 26: 26 Bewley Road & 3 & 17 Calstock Road, Willenhall — Ground Rent
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Lot 28: 673, 675 & 677 Kingstanding Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham — Ground Rent
Lot 29: 131 Acheson Road, Hall Green, Birmingham — Residential Investment
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Lot 31: 168-170 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 32: Apartment 3, Broadway Plaza, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 33: Land at 90 Langley Road, Small Heath, Birmingham — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 34: 14 Church Street, Whittington, Lichfield — Residential Vacant
Lot 35: 107-108 High Street, Stourbridge — Commercial Vacant
Lot 36: 42 Claughton Road, Dudley — Residential Vacant
Lot 37: 2 Castle View, Dudley — Residential Vacant
Lot 38: 28 Belgrade Road, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 39: 24 Brick Kiln Street, Wolverhampton — Residential Investment
Lot 40: 23 Burton Crescent, Wolverhampton — Residential Investment
Lot 41: 8-10 Walsall Road, Darlaston — Commercial Vacant
Lot 42: 49 Church Street, Halesowen — Residential Vacant
Lot 43: 154 St. Giles Road, Kitts Green, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 44: 3 Riverway, Walsall — Residential Vacant
Lot 45: 288 - 290 Haunch Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 46: The Jolly Collier, 222 Huntington Terrace Road, Chadsmore, Cannock — Commercial Vacant
Lot 47: 24 Endhill Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 48: 19 Lea Croft, New Invention, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 49: 43 Warstones Road, Penn, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 50: 259 Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 51: 147 Stringes Lane, Willenhall — Residential Vacant
Lot 52: 8 Apollo Road, Oldbury — Residential Vacant
Lot 53: 22 Apollo Road, Oldbury — Commercial Vacant
Lot 54: 7 & 8 New Street, Stourport on Severn — Residential Vacant
Lot 55: 55 Blackwell Street, Kidderminster — Residential Vacant
Lot 56: 182 Essington Road, Essington, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 57: 96 & 98 Fentham Road, Erdington, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 58: 44 Mushroom Hall Road, Oldbury — Residential Vacant
Lot 59: 17 Richmond Hill, Oldbury — Commercial Vacant
Lot 60: Meltraz House, Langley Drive, Castle Bromwich — Commercial Vacant/Part Investment
Lot 61: 904-906 Warwick Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 62: 92 Kathrinne Road, Bearwood — Residential Vacant
Lot 63: 26 Fairoaks Drive, Great Wyrley, Walsall — Residential Vacant
Lot 64: 55 Hyde Road, Wednesfield — Residential Vacant
Lot 65: 23 Shirley Road, Oldbury — Residential Vacant
Lot 66: 11 Victoria Road, Oldbury — Commercial Vacant
Lot 67: The Bear, St.James Lane, Willenhall, Coventry — Commercial Vacant
Lot 68: The Nags Head, 109 The Green, Darlaston — Commercial Vacant
Lot 69: 16 Haskell Street, Walsall — Residential Vacant
Lot 70: 33 Alvecote Lane Cottages NOT BEING OFFERED — Residential Vacant
Lot 71: 2 Wellesley Road, Oldbury — Residential Vacant
Lot 72: 10 Wellesley Road, Oldbury — Residential Vacant
Lot 73: The Royal Exchange, 41 Wolverhampton Street, Darlaston — Commercial Vacant
Lot 74: 70 King Street, Dudley — Commercial Vacant
Lot 75: 46 Bedford Street, Leamington Spa — Residential Investment
Lot 76: 48 Bedford Street, Leamington Spa — Residential Investment
Lot 77: Bromley House, Dixons Green Road, Dudley — Commercial Vacant
Lot 78: Reflex Night Club, 42 Lion Street, Oakgates, Telford — Commercial Vacant
Lot 79: Premises at Hackett Close, Woodcross, Wolverhampton — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 80: Lea Road Offices, Graisley, Wolverhampton — Commercial Vacant
Lot 81: 5A/5B Park Crescent, West Park, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 82: 18 Holly Lane, Marston Green — Residential Vacant
Lot 83: Garages 5 & 6, r/o Willow Avenue, Edgbaston, Birmingham — Garages
Lot 84: 2 Beacon Drive, Walsall — Residential Vacant
Lot 85: 35 Heath Street, Stourbridge — Residential Investment
Lot 86: 16A Belbroughton Road, Blakedown, Kidderminster — Residential Investment
Lot 87: 16B Belbroughton Road, Blakedown, Kidderminster NOT BEING OFFERED — Residential Investment
Lot 88: 40 Beech Green, Dudley NOT BEING OFFERED — Commercial Vacant
Lot 89: 103 Sutton Road, Erdington, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 90: Land at Blakeley Hall Road, Oldbury — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 91: Land at 120-122 Devonshire Road, Smethwick — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 92: Land at Florence Road/Poplar Grove, Smethwick — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 93: 1 Royal Arch Apartments, Floor 9 The Mailbox, Wharfside Street, Birmingham — Residential Investment
Lot 94: The Clubhouse, Long Lane Park, Long Lane, Essington, Wolverhampton — Commercial Vacant
Lot 95: 14 Endwood Court, 1 Handsworth Wood Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 96: 719 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 97: 721 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham — Commercial Vacant
Lot 98: Stuart House, Vale Pitts Road, Garretts Green, Birmingham — Commercial Investment
Lot 99: Open Land in Rowley Regis, Nr Oldbury — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 100: Open Land Adj. Former Quarry Site off St. Brades Close, Oldbury — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 101: 3 River Lee Road, Tyseley, Birmingham — Residential Investment
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Lot 103: 104 Holden Crescent, Walsall — Residential Vacant
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Lot 110: Land at Barnfield Road, Tipton — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 111: 31 Western Road, Sutton Coldfield — Residential Vacant
Lot 112: 1 Brougham Street, Lozells, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 113: Land at Hampshire Road, Hill Top, West Bromwich — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 114: Land at Windsor Street, Hill Top, West Bromwich — Development/Redevelopment
Lot 115: Flat 18 Richard Leighton House, The Parade, Birmingham — Residential Investment
Lot 116: 1 Charnwood Close, Blston — Residential Vacant
Lot 117: 9 Coalway Road, Bloxwich — Residential Vacant
Lot 118: 109 Dixons Green Road, Dudley — Residential Vacant
Lot 119: 1A Pound Road & 22 Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury — Residential Investment
Lot 120: 25 Charnwood Close, Blston — Residential Vacant
Lot 122: 1 Orton Grove, Penn, Wolverhampton — Residential Vacant
Lot 123: 56 Platts Crescent, Stourbridge — Residential Vacant
Lot 124: 4 Tipton Road, Sedgley, Dudley — Residential Vacant
Lot 125: 52 Wellington Road, Dudley — Residential Investment
Lot 126: 47 Rooker Avenue, Wolverhampton — Commercial Investment
Lot 127: 16 Oakland Road, Bloxwich — Residential Vacant
Lot 128: 8 Mount Road, Willenhall — Residential Investment
Lot 129: 132 Selsey Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 130: 6 Orchard Grove, Lower Gornal, Dudley — Residential Vacant
Lot 131: 37 Victoria Street, Willenhall — Residential Vacant
Lot 132: 67 Roseville Precinct, Castle Street, Coseley — Residential Vacant
Lot 133: 11 Grosmont Avenue, Balsall Heath, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
Lot 134: 37 Bond Street, Hurst Hill, Coseley — Residential Vacant
Lot 135: 23 Gracemere Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham — Residential Vacant
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Waddensbrook Lane, Wednesfield
Wednesfield



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Vaughan Road, Willenhall
Willenhall



Well presented middle terraced residence which benefits from UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Briefly comprising porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, conservatory, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, front driveway and rear garden.
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Treetops Drive, Willenhall
Willenhall



A three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking for several vehicles and seperate garage. VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE.
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Rosewood Drive, Coppice Farm, Willenhall
Willenhall — REDUCED



A three bedroom modern semi detached family home in the sought after Coppice Farm estate having the benefit of majority UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and quiet cul de sac location. This lovely property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen diner, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE.
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Eldon Street, Darlaston
Darlaston



A secluded 3 bedroom detached bungalow having the benefit of no upward chain, electric central heating and part double glazing. Located in a private driveway for just 2 properties this unique property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, spacious bathroom and front and rear gardens. VIRTUAL TOUR ONLINE
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Bure Grove, Riverpoint, Willenhall
Willenhall



A well presented two bedroom modern middle terrace property having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Located in a pleasant cul-de-sac on the sought after Riverpoint estate this attractive property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen diner, 2 double bedrooms (master with en-suite shower room), family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.
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Deansgate, Off Bowker Street, Willenhall
Willenhall — NEW



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Gipsy Lane, Willenhall
Willenhall



A 2 bedroom detached bungalow in need of some upgrading and refurbishment the property benefits from no upward chain and gas central heating. The property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, 2 bedrooms, front and rear gardens, off road parking and good sized triple garage with inspection pit.
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Carlton Avenue, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton



★★NO STAMP DUTY★★ An extended 2 bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property further comprises, porch, reception hall, spacious lounge/ diner, study, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, good sized attractive rear gardens and off road parking.
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Fenmere Close, Park Hall, Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton



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Peach Road, Willenhall
Willenhall — REDUCED



A much improved, extended and upgraded modern 2 bedroom semi detached home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property further comprises, porch, reception hall, spacious lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with utility area, guest W.C, 2 bedrooms, shower room, off road parking, garage , rear gardens with pleasant rear views over the canal. VIRTUAL TOUR ON OUR WEBSITE.
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Magness Crescent, Willenhall
Willenhall



Well presented, extended 3/4 bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. In a sought after location the property briefly comprises, re-fitted fitted kitchen, utility area, spacious L-shaped lounge, ground floor rear extention (bedroom four) 3 bedrooms on 1st floor, re-fitted family bathroom with shower, garage, off road parking and rear garden. No upward chain.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,995
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School Street, Willenhall
Willenhall



Purpose built top floor apartment having the benefit of UPVc double glazing and close to Willenhall town. Ideal for landlords or first time buyers the property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace and balcony, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and bathroom with shower, allocated parking space and garage. VIRTUAL TOUR AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.
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Wolverhampton



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Willenhall



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Peach Avenue, Darlaston
Darlaston



A mostly double glazed 3 bedroom semi detached home, having the benefit of gas central heating. The property is located in a cul-de-sac location and has accommodation to comprise a reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom suite, sizeable enclosed rear garden and a paved forecourden.
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Princess Way, Victoria Mews, Darlaston
Darlaston



Presenting a modern 2 bedroom semi detached home. The property, which benefits UPVc double glazing and central heating is located on a corner plot, with vehicular access to the rear garden. The accommodation comprises; reception hall,lounge with feature fireplace, fitted breakfast kitchen, UPVc conservatory, 2 bedrooms, fitted bathroom suite, enclosed rear garden and front lawned garden - all with no upward chain!
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Arnwood Close, Walsall
Walsall



A good size 3 bedroom detached bungalow on a generous sized plot having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, fitted intruder alarm and no upward chain. Located in a quaint cul-de-sac the property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking for several vehicles, caravans etc and a seperate garage.
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Gipsy Lane, Willenhall
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Kennedy Crescent, Darlaston
Darlaston



A well presented 3 bedroom semi detached home. The property, which is ideally located for both Bilston and Darlaston town centres, is double glazed and centrally heated (as specified). The accommodation comprises a reception hall, lounge, a recently re-fitted breakfast kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, 3 bedrooms, enclosed rear garden and ample off road parking.
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Hall Street East, Darlaston
Darlaston



An opportunity to acquire a 2 bedroom starter home. The propety benefits gas central heating and double glazing (both where specified). The property requires minor work and has accommodation to comprise reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, fitte breakfast kitchen, downstairs bathroom and WC, 2 bedrooms, enclosed rear garden and of road parking.
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Harrowby Place, Willenhall
Willenhall



An extended 3 bedroom traditional semi-detached family home benefitting from gas central heating & upvc double glazing. Further comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended L-shaped kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage. VIRTUAL TOUR ON WEBSITE
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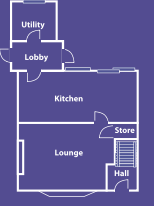


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★ No chain

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★ Pleasant semi detached property in corner plot location
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating ★ UPVC double glazing
★ Spacious 14ft rear lounge
★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
★ Garage at rear with driveway
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Internal viewing recommended

£126,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



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★ Modern style semi-detached
★ Cul-de-sac location
★ Two bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ Lounge and dining kitchen
★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
★ Garage and driveway
★ Ideal first time purchase

£116,950 OFFERS



BENTLEY
WREXHAM AVENUE

★ Pleasantly appointed traditional style bay fronted semi
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ UPVC double glazed windows
★ 16ft fitted dining kitchen
★ Fitted bathroom with shower
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Rear garden with local fields beyond

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★ Pleasantly appointed town house style property in popular location
★ Three bedrooms, currently converted into two bedrooms (could easily be changed back)
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★ Fitted dining kitchen
★ Bathroom with white suite and shower
★ Pleasant established rear garden
★ Garage in block to side

£105,000



BENTLEY, WALSALL
HAWTHORN PLACE

★ Pleasantly appointed double fronted semi detached property
★ Two bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Fitted kitchen
★ 16ft through lounge
★ Generous rear garden
★ Gas central heating
★ UPVC double glazed windows

£99,950 IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE



COUNTY BRIDGE, WILLENHALL
CORONATION AVENUE

★ Traditional style bay fronted semi
★ Three bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazing
★ Upstairs bathroom with separate shower
★ Lovely established rear garden
★ Block paved driveway

£117,950 - £2000 REDUCTION



SUMMER HAYES, WILLENHALL
CARDIGAN DRIVE

★ Pleasantly appointed extended semi
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazing
★ Double length garage
★ Utility and store room
★ Block paved driveway
★ 22ft extended lounge/dining room

£132,950



WILLENHALL
PINSON ROAD

★ Pleasantly appointed semi in convenient location
★ Three bedrooms ★ Two reception rooms
★ Gas central heating, uPVC double glazed windows
★ Generous rear garden with timber decked patio
★ Off road parking to the fore ★ Downstairs WC
★ Ideal first time purchase

£99,995 Internal Viewing Recommended



SUMMER HAYES, WILLENHALL
EATON RISE

★ Deceptively spacious extended link detached bungalow
★ Cul-de-sac position ★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating ★ UPVC double glazed windows
★ Extended lounge, dining area and sitting room
★ 23ft family room/utility room
★ Bathroom with white suite and separate shower garden
★ Large established rear

£199,950 OFFERS



BENTLEY
BEVIN ROAD

★ Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
★ Ideal first time purchase
★ Two bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC single glazed windows
★ 13ft fitted breakfast kitchen
★ Pleasant rear garden
★ No related chain

£87,500



WILLENHALL
ASHMORE LAKE ROAD

★ Pleasantly appointed terraced style property
★ Two bedrooms ★ Two reception rooms
★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
★ Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
★ Parking to the rear
★ Gas CH ★ UPVC DG windows

Offers in excess of £79,950 - FOR THIS WEEKEND ONLY



WEDNESFIELD
WILLOW AVENUE

★ Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi-detached
★ Three bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Sun room ★ Fitted kitchen
★ Gas central heating and part double glazing
★ Enclosed rear garden and off road parking
★ No chain - must be viewed

£119,995 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
FLAT 4, MARLOWE DRIVE

★ Beautifully presented one bedroom ground floor flat
★ Refitted kitchen with integrated oven, hob & extractor
★ Refitted bathroom with full height tiling and double shower cubicle
★ Gas central heating
★ UPVC double glazing
★ Enclosed rear garden

£84,995 OFFERS



WILLENHALL
BENTLEY LANE

★ Deceptively spacious detached family residence
★ Prominent corner location
★ Three double bedrooms
★ Spacious 18ft rear lounge/dining room
★ Well equipped fitted breakfast kitchen
★ Jack and Jill style bathroom with separate shower
★ Sizeable garage and ample off road parking
★ Gas central heating, uPVC double glazed windows (except garage)

£169,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WEDNESFIELD
OLINTHUS AVENUE

★ Pleasantly appointed traditional semi-detached
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating and double glazing
★ Refitted kitchen
★ Two reception rooms
★ Potential to extend (subject to planning permission)
★ Large enclosed rear garden
★ Concrete print off road parking

£124,950



WEDNESFIELD
BEECHWOOD AVENUE

★ Pleasantly appointed traditional style bay fronted semi detached
★ Three bedrooms
★ Lounge and separate sitting room/dining room
★ Fitted kitchen and separate utility room
★ Double glazing and gas central heating
★ Enclosed rear garden
★ Ample off road parking
★ Viewing essential
★ Stamp Duty Paid

£127,000 STAMP DUTY PAID



WEDNESFIELD
HATTON CRESCENT

★ Traditional style extended semi-detached property
★ Three bedrooms
★ Extended lounge and separate dining room
★ uPVC double glazed conservatory
★ Gas central heating and majority double glazing
★ Large enclosed rear garden
★ Off road parking, carport and garage
★ No chain

£134,995



WEDNESFIELD
CANNOCK ROAD

★ Traditional style semi-detached property
★ Three bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ uPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating
★ First floor bathroom
★ Off road parking and established rear garden
★ In need of some modernisation
★ No chain

£89,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL
ESSINGTON ROAD

★ Spacious first floor two bedroom flat
★ Popular New Invention area
★ Upvc double glazed windows
★ Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
★ Fitted shower room
★ Spacious 15ft lounge
★ Communal security entrance
★ Internal viewing recommended

WAS £72,500 NOW £69,950



SHORT HEATH
WOODSIDE WAY

★ Semi detached bungalow in popular woodlands development
★ TWO BEDROOMS
★ Gas central heating
★ 18ft front lounge
★ Garage and ample off road parking
★ Pleasant garden with woodland rear aspect
★ No related chain

WAS £119,950 NOW £114,995



SUMMER HAYES, WILLENHALL
BUTE CLOSE

★ A well maintained extended dormer style semi detached bungalow
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed windows
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Extended kitchen
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Cul-de-sac position

£142,500 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



COPPICE FARM ESTATE
REDWOOD WAY

★ Modern style two bedroom semi
★ Popular location
★ Two bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ UPVC double glazed windows
★ Fitted breakfast kitchen inc oven and hob
★ Pleasant rear garden
★ Ideal first time purchase
★ No chain

£115,000



SHORT HEATH
COLTHAM ROAD

★ Charming Victorian style terraced property
★ Comprehensively refurbished to a high standard throughout
★ Three bedrooms including loft room
★ Two reception rooms
★ Gas central heating, uPVC double glazed windows
★ Spacious 18ft fitted breakfast kitchen including oven and hob
★ Downstairs guest cloakroom with WC
★ No upward chain

Was £99,950 NOW £97,500



WILLENHALL
SHERLOCK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

★ Pleasant town house style property in popular location
★ Three bedrooms
★ Part double glazed windows
★ Gas warm air central heating system
★ Fitted dining kitchen
★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
★ No related chain
★ Internal viewing recommended

£89,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL
PERTH ROAD, SUMMER HAYES ESTATE

★ Pleasant link detached bungalow in cul-de-sac position
★ Two bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ UPVC double glazed windows
★ 18ft rear lounge
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Pleasant gardens to front and rear
★ Internal viewing strongly recommended

£147,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
NOOSE LANE

★ Pleasantly appointed traditional style detached double fronted bungalow
★ Generous plot with gardens to the front, rear and side
★ Two bedrooms
★ Part Upvc double glazed windows
★ Gas central heating
★ Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
★ Fitted bathroom with shower fitment
★ Ample off road parking for several vehicles

£159,950 OFFERS INVITED





WILLENHALL
STONEHOUSE AVENUE

★ Splendidly appointed three bedroom link detached property
★ Two reception rooms
★ Superb uPVC double glazed conservatory
★ Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
★ Garage and block paved driveway
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazed windows
★ Viewing essential

£164,950 OFFERS





WILLENHALL
RAVENSCROFT ROAD

★ Splendidly appointed double fronted detached property
★ Charming character accommodation throughout
★ Three bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Conservatory ★ Two car garage
★ Bar/games room (potential office)
★ Gas central heating, double glazing
★ Viewing essential

£249,950

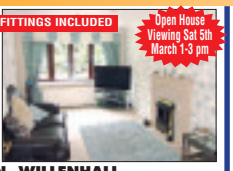


SHORT HEATH
BLOXWICH ROAD NORTH

★ Beautifully presented traditional style detached property
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazing
★ Two reception rooms
★ Fitted kitchen with appliances
★ Off road parking
★ Internal viewing recommended

£139,950





NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL
LICHFIELD ROAD

★ Delightful extended detached bungalow
★ Two bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazing
★ Extended kitchen and dining room
★ Garage and carport
★ Pleasant gardens

£199,950





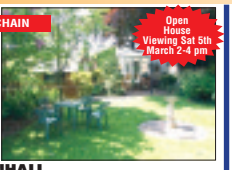
WILLENHALL
RAVENSCROFT ROAD

★ Splendidly appointed, considerably improved traditional style detached property
★ Three bedrooms and loft room
★ Gas central heating, uPVC double glazed windows
★ Superb 26ft extended fitted dining kitchen
★ Luxury bathroom with Jacuzzi type bath
★ Large garage and block paved driveway
★ Extensive lawned rear garden with rear double access gates
★ A lovely family home, extensively modernised to a high standard by the present owners

£247,500 VIEWING ESSENTIAL







WILLENHALL
SANDBEDS ROAD

★ Beautifully presented traditional style detached bungalow
★ Spacious extended character accommodation
★ Two bedrooms ★ Two reception rooms
★ Extended kitchen inc. oven and hob
★ uPVC double glazed conservatory
★ Lovely established rear garden
★ Ample off road parking and garage
★ Must be viewed!

£189,950



WILLENHALL
BURE GROVE, RIVERPOINT

★ Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
★ Cul-de-sac location
★ Two bedrooms
★ En-suite shower room
★ Fitted dining kitchen inc oven and hob
★ Block paved driveway
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed windows

£65,500 FOR 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP





WILLENHALL
CADNAM CLOSE

★ Three bedroom double fronted detached family residence
★ Potential to extend to the side elevation (subject to planning regulations)
★ Gas central heating, double glazing
★ Conservatory
★ Loft dining kitchen
★ Sizeable double width garage and ample parking
★ Internal viewing recommended

£159,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL
ERNEST CLARK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

★ Pleasant town house style property
★ Ideal for first time buyers or a young family
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ UPVC double glazed windows
★ Spacious 27ft through lounge
★ Dining room and sun room
★ No related chain

£89,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN



WEDNESFIELD
TEASEL ROAD

★ Modern linked detached property
★ Much sought after location
★ Three bedrooms, master with built-in wardrobes
★ Fitted dining kitchen
★ Lounge with feature fireplace
★ Double glazed windows and gas central heating
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Enclosed rear garden

£159,995 OFFERS



COPPICE FARM ESTATE
LONG MYND CLOSE

★ Splendidly appointed detached property
★ Three bedrooms
★ En suite shower room
★ uPVC double glazed conservatory
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazed windows
★ Cul-de-sac location
★ Garage and off road parking

£173,000





WILLENHALL
BILSTON LANE

★ Spacious traditional style extended detached family residence
★ Pleasantly appointed accommodation
★ Four bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ Majority double glazing
★ Spacious extended dining kitchen
★ Generous rear garden with timber decking
★ Garage and driveway

£157,950



WEDNESFIELD
SPONDON ROAD

★ Spacious extended traditional style semi-detached property
★ Much sought after location
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating and hard wood double glazing
★ Extended kitchen/diner
★ Enclosed rear garden
★ Garage and off road parking
★ No chain - viewing essential

£149,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
CLOTHIER STREET

★ Pleasantly appointed three bedroom property
★ Gas central heating
★ Upvc double glazing
★ Refitted bathroom
★ Spacious fitted dining kitchen
★ Off road parking
★ Internal viewing recommended
★ No related chain

£89,950 IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY



WILLENHALL
LINCOLN AVENUE

★ Spacious much improved semi-detached property
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazed windows
★ Two reception rooms
★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
★ Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
★ Pleasant gardens

£127,950



WEDNESFIELD
TOWNSON ROAD, ASHMORE PARK

★ Pleasantly situated traditional style end town house
★ Corner plot position
★ Two bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ UPVC double glazed windows
★ Lounge and dining kitchen
★ Upstairs fitted bathroom with shower
★ Front, side and rear gardens
★ Off road parking

£101,950



WEDNESFIELD
VICTORIA ROAD

★ Immaculately presented traditional style semi-detached property
★ Four bedrooms over two floors
★ Two reception rooms
★ Exceptional refitted kitchen with selected integrated appliances
★ UPVC double glazing & gas fired central heating
★ Large enclosed rear garden with decked patio
★ Viewing essential

£165,000 OFFERS



WEDNESFIELD
LICHFIELD ROAD

★ Spacious detached property
★ 4/5 bedrooms, master with en suite
★ Fitted kitchen & separate dining room
★ Second sitting room/occasional 5th bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas central heating
★ Low maintenance rear garden
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Ideal family home

£166,000



COPPICE FARM ESTATE, WILLENHALL
LEVEN DRIVE

★ Pleasantly appointed town house style property
★ Three bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazing
★ uPVC double glazed conservatory
★ Refitted kitchen and bathroom
★ Garage and block paved driveway
★ Internal viewing recommended

£132,500 OFFERS



COPPICE FARM ESTATE, WILLENHALL
HEBDEN GROVE

★ Spacious modern style detached residence
★ Four bedrooms
★ En-suite shower room
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Conservatory
★ Through reception hall
★ Garage and block paved driveway
★ Refitted bathroom

WAS £224,995 NOW £219,995



SHORT HEATH, WILLENHALL
WALKERS FOLD

★ Much improved modern style end town house
★ Popular location
★ Three bedrooms
★ Refitted kitchen
★ Refitted bathroom
★ Superb uPVC double glazed conservatory
★ Cul-de-sac position
★ Viewing essential

£119,995



WILLENHALL
ST ANNES ROAD

★ Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
★ Two bedrooms
★ Gas central heating
★ uPVC double glazing
★ Fitted kitchen inc. oven and hob
★ Spacious rear lounge
★ Lovely enclosed rear garden
★ Block paved driveway

WAS £94,995 NOW £89,995



WOLVERHAMPTON
COVENTRY STREET

★ Three bedroom detached property
★ Double glazed windows
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen with pantry
★ Upstairs bathroom
★ Enclosed rear garden
★ Viewing recommended
★ No chain

WAS £99,950 NOW £90,000

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WANTED
Emma and Sean want an house near Stroud Avenue. Can you help? 01902 634497

Squires Grove, Willenhall


£79,950
Modern style two bedroom apartment, a popular development with the sought after New Invention School within walking distance & shops & bus stops situated just opposite.

Barmouth Close, Willenhall


£130,000
A well presented and spacious three bedroom semi detached home with a further loft space. Would make a great family home.

Woodside Way, Willenhall


£119,995
Two bedrooom bungalow on the 'Woodlands' developement, viewing recommended early to avoid disappointment, please call us to take a look.

WANTED
Michelle and Neil want a house on Coppice Farm. They are SSTC. Can you help? 01902 634497

Alton Avenue, Willenhall

£140,000 NEW
This extended traditional three bedroom semi detached house must be viewed briefly comprising, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room.

Redpine Crest, Willenhall


£114,000
A well presented two bedroom semi detached home situated in the corner of a quiet cul-de-sac. A viewing is highly recommended.

Torridon Road, Willenhall


Offers in excess of £155,000
A detached bungalow set in Willenhall with accommodation comprising in brief of lounge, kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and workshop.

Princethorpe Road, Willenhall


Offers Over £160,000
A spacious double fronted four bedroom end terraced townhouse in excellent order and situated close to the M6 and Black Country Route.

Longwood Rise, Willenhall

Offers Over £145,000 REDUCED
A three bedroom semi detached home situated on a popular road. Ideally located for Jct. 10 M6 and local schools. These don't hang around long! Call us now. No chain

Western Avenue, Bentley Moor

£79,500 REDUCED
A well presented end terraced home situated on a popular development in Bentley. Call us to book your viewing now.

Edinburgh Drive, Summer Hayes

£150,000
A dormer bungalow comprising lounge, extended kitchen and bathroom, conservatory, three double bedrooms, front and rear gardens, driveway and no chain

Pooles Lane, Willenhall

£162,995
A newly built and extremely spacious three bedroom semi detached home. Offered with a 10 year NHBC guarantee and with the builder giving an option on specification.

Ludlow Close, Willenhall

£170,000
A two bedroom link detached bungalow having been extensively improved and refitted by its current owner this sort of presentation is rarely available.

Brownshore Lane, Essington

£250,000
A four bedroom executive detached home offering spacious rooms and presented in immaculate order throughout. Call us to be the first to view!!!

Bloxwich Road North, Willenhall

£140,000
A three bedroom semi detached home situated on a popular road in Short Heath. Two reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, utility, bathroom and rear garden.

Brereton Road, Willenhall

£77,950 NEW
A two bedroom apartment situated on a popular road in New Invention. Vendor has extensively refitted and modernised and is motivated to sell.

Bramble Close, Willenhall

£130,000 NEW
A three bedroom semi detached home situated on a peaceful cul-de-sac in New Invention. A viewing is advised as these don't hang around up here!!!

Moxley Road, Darlaston

£110,000 NEW
A three bedroom semi detached home situated ideally for transport links and motorway network. Two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom and rear garden.

Walsall Road, Wednesbury

£104,950 NEW
A three bedroom detached home situated on a corner plot in Darlaston. Close to the Town Centre this would be ideal for a large family.

Brookhill Close, Willenhall

£70,000 NEW
A four bedroom terraced home situated in New Invention and offering spacious accomodation comprising kitchen diner, lounge, bathroom and rear garden.

Brookhill Way, Willenhall

£60,000 NEW
A modern style end terrace property comprising lounge, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing, garden, viewing recommended.

Mountbatten Road, Walsall

£74,950 NEW
A two bedroom semi detached home situated in a popular area close to motorway links. Viewing is strongly advised to avoid disappointment. No chain

King Edward Street, Wednesbury

£77,500 NEW
A two bedroom terraced home situated close to Darlaston Town Centre. This would be a great first home. Two reception rooms and downstairs bathroom.

Littleton Road, Willenhall

£100,000 NEW
A two bedroom recently refubished terraced home with off road parking and offering spacious accommodation to include lounge, kitchen, bathroom and rear garden.

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REDUCED

Bealeys Lane
Bloxwich
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Open Plan Concept
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Gated Driveway
- Viewing Essential
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the Region of £285,000



Stoney Lane
Bloxwich
- Four Bed Detached
- Two Reception rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Utility
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Master Bedroom with En-suite
- Large Driveway
- Garage
- Landscaped Rear Garden

In the Region of £239,950



Churston Close
Turnberry Estate
- Large Four Bed Detached House
- Porch
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Single Garage
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £220,000


NEW

Albany Grove
Essington
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Carport & Garage
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

Offers in excess of £205,000


NEW

Sandbank
Bloxwich
- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Receptions Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Period Features
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £199,950



Victoria Avenue
Bloxwich
- Newly built Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Houses
- Fitted Kitchen including appliances
- Block Paved Driveway
- Integral Garage
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway and Integral Garage.

In the Region of £179,950



Old Hall Court
Aldridge
- Farmhouse courtyard location
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathroom, Exposed Beams
- Views over open countryside
- Electric security entry gate
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Feature stone fireplace
- Master bedroom with En-suite shower room

In the Region of £174,950


NEW

Revival Street
Bloxwich
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

In the Region of £164,950



Mill Lane
Willenhall
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Seperate building housing Utility
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

In the Region of £159,950



Bloxwich Road
Walsall
- Four Bedroom End-Terrace
- Through Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £155,500


Open Day 6th of March Call 01922 711 444 to book your appointment

BUTTERMERE GROVE
WILLENHALL
- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Modernised Throughout
- Through Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Integral Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Popular Coppice Farm Estate
- Open Day Sunday 6th of March 11.30AM till 1.30PM Call Richard to book your appointment on 01922 711 444

In the Region of £149,950



Windrush Close
Pelsall
- Three Storey Three Bed Town House
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Seperate Garage
- Allocated parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden

In the Region of £147,950



Heather Road
Bloxwich
- Four Bedroom Semi
- Open Plan Lounge
- Play Room/Study
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom with downstairs W.C.
- Block Paved Driveway
- Rear Garden with sunroom
- D.Glazing & C.Heating
- No Upward Chain

In the Region of £139,950



Field Road
Bloxwich
- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- New Build 10 year warranty
- Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Downstairs W.C.
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Rear Garden

In the Region of £129,950



Ashburn Grove
Willenhall
- Three Bedroom Semi
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £120,000



Samuel Street
Bloxwich
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Through Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- In need of modernisation
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £119,950



Cypress Road
Walsall
- Three Bedroom End Terrace
- Through Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- Downstairs W.C.
- Bathroom
- Block Paved Driveway
- Double glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £119,950



Field Road
Bloxwich
- Two Bedroom House
- New Build 10 year warranty
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Downstairs W.C.
- Rear Garden
- Parking to Front

In the Region of £109,950



Windrush Close
Pelsall
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Parking
- Popular Location
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £104,950



Buxton Close
Bloxwich
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Side Passage
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £100,000


NEW

Dartmouth Close
Walsall
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Separate W.C.
- Detached Garage to Rear
- Front & Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £97,500



Bloxwich Road
Walsall
- Three Bed Terrace
- Through Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Ideal for First Time Buyers

In the Region of £93,000



Tintern Crescent
Mossley Estate
- Three Bed Semi-Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Seperate WC
- Stand Alone Garage
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers in excess of £90,000



Lancaster Place
Bloxwich
- Two bedroom End of Terrace
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Majority Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front Off Road Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

In the Region of £87,500



Abingdon Road
Bloxwich
- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Conservatory
- Shower Room
- Front garden
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- No Upward Chain

In the Region of £84,950



Field Road
Bloxwich
- Three Bedroom End Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom with separate W.C.
- Front Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Spacious Modern Family Home

In the Region of £84,950



Chase Road
Bloxwich
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Extended to rear
- Two Bathrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Needs Modernisation
- Ideal investment/first time buy opportunity
- Off Road Parking
- NO CHAIN

In the Region of £74,950





Tewkesbury Road
Bloxwich
- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Seperate W.C.
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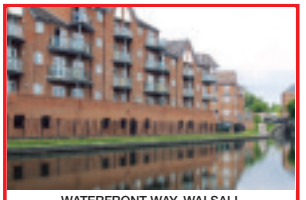
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Stylish home in an exclusive area

Described by the selling agent Bartlams as "an outstanding example of its type", this elegant detached home is situated in a prime position in an exclusive neighbourhood.

According to the agent, which is inviting offers in the region of £325,000, this three-bedroomed home in Torvale Road, Wightwick, requires viewing to fully appreciate the size and quality of its layout.

Notable features include a guest WC, two large interlinking open-plan living rooms, a well-equipped breakfast kitchen, impressive fitted wardrobes in two of the bedrooms, a stylish bathroom and gas-central heating and double glazing throughout.

On approach, a paved garden with shrub beds and stone chipping borders has a block-paved driveway alongside, leading to a garage with a roller-shutter door and dimensions of 16ft x 9ft.

Patio doors lead to a gated side passage, with built-in cupboard and wash basin.

Entering through a double-glazed front door into a hallway, there is an understairs cupboard, ceramic tiled floor and a guest WC, fitted with a white suite including a wash basin set in vanity unit.

Measuring 32ft overall, the open plan living area has solid oak strip flooring and comprises a sitting room with dimensions of 18ft x 17ft 2in, with a front-facing bow window and a limestone fireplace with flame-effect gas fire.

An opening leads to the dining room, which measures 16ft 7in x 12ft 10in and has a wall-mounted limestone flame-effect fireplace, windows on each side and patio doors opening onto the rear garden.

In the breakfast kitchen, which has dimensions of 12ft 3in x 11ft 5in, there is what the agent describes as a "superb" range of wall and base units with worksurfaces including a stainless steel sink unit, larder, corner breakfast bar, integrated high specification oven and four-plate ceramic hob with extractor canopy. There is also an integrated dishwasher and washing machine, both from highly regarded manufacturers. A door leads from here to the side passage.



This detached three-bedroomed home has been finished to an extremely high standard throughout.

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On the first floor, a galleried landing with front-facing window leads to the rear-facing master bedroom, which measures 13ft x 10ft 3in and has a range of wall-to-wall fitted wardrobes and cupboards.

Bedroom two has dimensions of 12ft 5in x 10ft 2in and also has a range of fitted wardrobes and cupboards. The third bedroom measures 11ft x 7ft 6in and faces the front. In the bathroom, a white suite comprises a corner bath with hand-held shower attachment, separate shower cubicle, wash basin in vanity surround and WC with concealed cistern.

There are tiled walls, a ceramic tiled floor and a slatted chrome towel rail. At the rear of the house, an enclosed garden is attractively landscaped, with a large patio, shaped lawn, rockeries and shrub beds.

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The grounds include a lawned foregarden with gated walkway providing access to two brick built outbuildings in the rear garden.

There is a further paved patio and lawned garden with a number of mature shrubs and trees.

Once through the canopy porch, there is a reception hall with a telephone point, understairs storage cupboard and cloakroom with a WC.

To the rear is a lounge which measures 15ft 8in x 12ft 2in and has a fireplace with a gas fire and sliding patio doors providing access to the rear garden patio.

From here double doors lead into a dining kitchen measuring 18ft 6in x 9ft 3in fitted with a range of matching base- and wal-mounted cupboards with worksurfaces, tiled splashbacks, an inset sink unit with hot and cold mixer tap, integral electric oven and hob and plumbing for a washing machine.



Further information regarding this semi-detached in Bilston, is available online at www.fraserwood.co.uk

On the first floor landing, with window to front elevation there's a loft hatch, doors lead to the three bedrooms and bathroom. The master bedroom measures 14ft 3in x 9ft, the second is 12ft x 10ft 9in while the third has dimensions of 9ft 6in x 9ft 1in.

Fitted with a modern suite, the bathroom comprises a panelled bath, low-flush WC, pedestal wash basin and obscured single-glazed timber window to the front.

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Featuring an attractive rear garden with open views of Walsall golf course, this beautifully presented four-bedroomed semi-detached home is located in the popular residential area of Delves.

On the market through agents Henderson Hynes for offers of around £224,950, the extended property benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing throughout.

The solid wood flooring of the reception hall, is one of the highlights on entry into this traditional semi which has been adapted to include a modern feel to its interior.

Wood

The fireplace in the lounge/dining room, which measures a maximum of 12ft 8in x 24ft 8in, has an inset flame-effect gas fire and there is further solid wood flooring while a double-glazed bay window overlooks the front.

An archway leads to the breakfast kitchen with French doors providing access to the back garden.

The kitchen itself measures 17ft x 10ft 9in and has a selection of matching wall and base cupboards with contrasting roll-edge worktops complete with inset lighting.

There is also splashback tiling on the walls and the floor is tiled. An integral dishwasher is installed and there is space for a fridge/freezer, as well as a radiator and a concealed wall-mounted gas combi boiler.

A downstairs wetroom features an electric shower, toilet and wash basin, with mostly ceramic wall tiles and an extractor fan.

The utility room, which measures 15ft 9in x 5ft 1in, offers more storage space with wall and base cupboards, plus plumbing for a washing machine and space for a dryer.

There is also an understairs cupboard, double-glazed door to the garden and a door leading to a further store room, which can be used as a workshop and measures 9ft 4in x 5ft 3in.The master bedroom on the first floor, approached by stairs from the hall, measures a maximum of 9ft 7in x 13ft 9in.

Bedroom two is 10ft 6in x 9ft 11in; bedroom three – 11ft 11in x 6ft 11in and bedroom four – 10ft 3in x 5ft 9in.

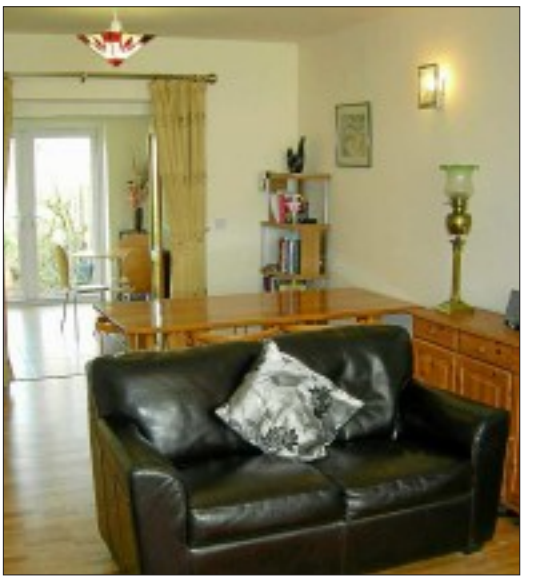
The family bathroom comprises a modern white suite with a panelled bath featuring an electric shower, WC, wash basin and is fully tiled with an extractor fan.

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Contact the agents at www.hendersonhynes.co.uk, 29, Bradford Street, Walsall, or telephone 01922 627100.



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Although it's happy to acknowledge that the Government's scrappage scheme played its part, it does help if you have the right product in the first place.

Post-scrappage the company is still doing great business, and nowhere is this more obvious than with the little i10.

It feels like an age away since buyers were prepared to wait months for the diminutive hatchback, but they all knew what they were doing.

And, just to prove that you can't afford to stand still in this business, Hyundai has given the already successful i10 hatchback a mild refresh in a bid to keep it ahead of the pack.



It's surprisingly capable on the road



The cabin is spacious and refined



Small yet perfectly formed – Hyundai's refreshed i10 is both attractive and affordable

Nose

Cosmetically the i10 benefits from Hyundai's new family nose. This design theme is already present on the larger ix35, and is set to be the norm on future models. On the mechanical front the car's 1.2-litre petrol motor is now cleaner, more efficient and more powerful. Also, replacing the 1.1-litre unit is a new three-cylinder, 68bhp 1.0-litre engine. This forms the basis of Hyundai's eco-centric i10 Blue variant.

This high-tech three-cylinder engine achieves an impressive 67.3mpg on the combined cycle and boasts a congestion charge and VED-friendly 99g/km CO2 rating.

Even if you don't live in or plan on making regular trips to London to offset the Blue variant's slightly higher price, the 85bhp 1.2 unit delivers 61.4mpg and an equally impressive 108g/km CO2 rating. Engine stop-start technology is also thrown in.

The i10 is something of a refreshing surprise in what is an incredibly competitive market. What makes it special is Hyundai's decision to treat its mini model as something bigger. You only have to look around the car's cabin to realise that you can leave your hair shirt at home.

You want air conditioning? No problem. Electric front windows? Absolutely. Somewhere to plug in your MP3 player? You bet. Seriously, this is what the i10 is really like – anything but a budget runabout – and it's one of the reasons why buyers flocked to the outgoing model in their droves.

It might appear no larger than most other cars on the market but appearances are deceptive. Five doors are the norm here, yet the i10 is easily able to accommodate four adults. Substitute two of the grown-ups for children and you could even be looking at your first family car.

The i10 is also more capable on the road than you might think. With its direct and accurate steering, supple ride and refined cabin, it would appear that compromise has been ripped out of Hyundai's corporate dictionary.

With its eager hum and refined character, the 1.2-litre i10 is more than capable of keeping up with the rush hour traffic and never feels out of place on the motorway. And the unit's eager nature makes light work of the point-and-squirt urban environment.

There's no question that the engine's added oomph and the slick five-sped manual gearbox helps. A four-speed auto is also available for the 1.2 variant.

Cousin

The i10 Blue isn't far behind, either. It gets by with less power but the three-pot motor's willingness easily outweighs any on paper deficiencies.

The i10 Blue is more of a city car than its more powerful four-cylinder cousin, but never feels out of puff away from the city limits. The i10 is a good car – it drives well, feels solid and is exceptionally practical. That it comes equipped more like an entry-level family hatch is a bonus. Add the five-year warranty and it's clear that this i10 is no lightweight. **IAIN DOOLEY**

FACTS AT A GLANCE

Model: Hyundai i10 1.0 Blue, from £9,195 on the road. i10 range from £8,195.

Engine: 1.0-litre petrol unit developing 68bhp.

Transmission: Five-speed manual transmission as standard, driving the front wheels.

Performance: Maximum speed 93mph, 0-62mph 14.8 seconds.

Economy: 67.3mpg.

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Volkswagen reviving cabrio version of Golf



The VW Golf Cabriolet is slightly smaller than the Eos. First UK deliveries are expected in September.

VOLKSWAGEN'S all-new Golf Cabriolet is being unveiled at the current Geneva Motor Show.

The two-door, four-seater, front-engined soft top is the first Golf Cabriolet available since the Mk IV Golf.

It builds on the company's heritage for producing popular convertibles which started with the original Beetle cabriolet and continues today with the Eos.

With sales of around 1.42 million units, Volkswagen is one of the world's most successful producers of convertibles.

The latest Golf Cabriolet marks a whole new era of open-top motoring, boasting an electrically-powered soft top which can be lowered in just 9.5 seconds including on the move at speeds up to around 18mph, a range of efficient petrol and diesel engines as well as the highest levels of quality, refinement and safety.

The Golf Cabriolet is smaller than the Eos, though both cars share the same wheelbase. From the front the new model is unmistakeably a Golf, and adopts the now familiar 'face' incorporating the latest Volkswagen 'design DNA'.

Raked

The heavily raked windscreen gives it a sportier appearance than the hatchback model, while at the rear, new LED lights and a deep crease in the bootlid endow the new Golf Cabriolet with its own individual style.

Inside the Golf Cabriolet's appearance matches very closely that of the hatchback, adopting the same high-quality materials and design. The new Golf Cabriolet will be offered in the UK with a choice of trim levels – S, SE and GT – and all will have a high level of standard specification.

As customers would expect from any car in the Golf family, the Cabriolet will be equipped with the highest levels of safety equipment. This will include an active roll-over protection system, ABS, ESP, airbags all round and a driver's knee airbag.

A choice of six engines will be available.

Volkswagen UK plans to begin taking orders for the new Golf Cabriolet in July, with the first customer orders arriving in September.

More details and pricing information will be available closer to launch.

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FRIENDLY outgoing, sociable lady, 34 but looks mid 20's (its true) WLTM adventurous male 18 – 65, I'm open to most ages/things, happy to try most things. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355761**

42YR old Sagittarian 5ft 7ins, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks genuine, caring guy interested in films, meals out, country walks, gardening and travel, 45-55. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358399**

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SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339373**

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SICK of watching Saturday night TV all alone! Divorced female in need of male company with fun easygoing guy to appreciate. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358607**

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VERY lonely young looking 40's female, solvent, OHAC, seeks younger male for chilled together. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358267**

PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 49, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359351**

BRIGHT bubbly, adventurous, outgoing, honest, trustworthy female, some and find me. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359235**

WHITE 50's genuine modern West Brom female, divorced, easygoing, seeks fit modern male, 50-60 for LTR. Car owner preferred. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358855**

FEMALE 51, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks soul mate who is genuine and caring. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356761**

DO you know what women want? 40yr old petite lady needs spoiling and lots of love by attractive male, 45-55. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327573**

SLIM professional, attractive, amiable lady, 55, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH and enjoys the good things in life. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356411**

ATTRACTIVE 40yr old female, brunette, slim, trendy, no ties, high morals, seeks slim male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 316619**

OPEN friendly Christian female, professional, seeks kind, caring, Christian male for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348867**

SLIM attractive 44yr old female, N/S, no ties, likes travel, nights out, seeks male, 40-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341491**

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327579**

HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 6ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 43-53 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331399**

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy, slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-36 to enjoy romantic nights. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317945**

LADY N/S, car owner, seeks lonely, retired gent with old fashioned values for friendship/days out and holidays. Stourbridge. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354183**

ATTRACTIVE nurse, 48, 5ft 6ins, cinema, walks, country, WLTM attractive male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341479**

SINGLE mum, non drinker, seeks male for nights out, meals and lots of fun. Dudley. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353085**

VANESSA fun loving single mum, 5ft 4ins, brown eyes, seeks kind, loving, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 304135**

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 301001**

SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 44, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351813**

FEMALE kind, giving, thoughtful, sensitive, seeks lifetime friend to love and understand me for who I am. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 350397**

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel, conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easygoing and N/S. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349265**

ATTRACTIVE Tall, black female, 51, 6ft, slim-medium build, kind, honest, considerate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 6ft plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349211**

53YR old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, trustworthy male, 48-56. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339275**

ATTRACTIVE single mum, 40, outgoing, seeks similar guy for good times, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348919**

PRINCE wanted, must be 6ft, loving, caring and honest, no old frogs. I am late 50's and attractive. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337465**

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329319**

LISA 32, size 8, seeks male, 32-48 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346713**

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 44, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339799**

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380918**

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 64, divorced, truthful, 5ft 3ins, modern, young at heart, seeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 57-67. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338315**

60YR old lady, young at heart, divorced, medium build, likes kisses, cuddles, seeks gent, 50-61 with GSOH and similar likes. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334627**

WEST Bromwich female, late 50's, modern, romantic, easygoing, seeks active, genuine male, 45-60 for LTR. Driver preferred. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336759**



LADY 50, slim, GSOH, likes cooking, nights out, seeks genuine guy, 50-55 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333183**

KAREN 47, 5ft 9ins, civil servant, attractive, down to earth, likes drink, dance, socialising, home life, seeks tall, professional male, N/S for loving relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324349**

WIDOW black hair, green eyes, likes countryside, pubs, music, nights in, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332231**

BLACK female, 38, seeks male, 30-50, adventurous, fun loving, daring and caring. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327355**

IRENE 72, N/S, active, 5ft 2ins, slim, blonde hair, seeks similar male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331301**

ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 7ins, genuine, sincere, OHAC, GSOH, likes dining out, holidays, seeks lonely, caring gent for friendship and happiness. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331049**

LADY 67, N/S, caring, likes sports, seeks male, 60 plus for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323529**

YOUNG bubbly black lady, likes wining/dining, seeks mature male for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 328669**

GENUINE caring widow, 64, attractive, likes reading, holidays, meals out, seeks genuine N/S male, 60-68. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378566**

LADY 60's, seeks male for friendship, holidays and socialising. Car driver with ability to tow a caravan a bonus. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324265**

SYLVIE 59, N/S, long blonde hair, 5ft 2ins, slim, OHAC, likes cycling, walks, keep fit, horse riding, holidays, theatre, films, meals out, GSOH, seeks male for friendship/LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 321149**

SHROPSHIRE lady, 61, likes countryside, sea, travel, cooking, sewing, lived on farm, seeks special genuine gent for nice match. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334241**

CARING and honest lady 61, 5ft 2ins, WLTM very caring and honest gentleman. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357985**

KIND romantic, loving lady, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357751**

SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, trendy, OHAC, seeks special guy. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 180587**

SHROPSHIRE female 40, seeks special local male to share life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355959**

LINDA 70's, likes theatre, dancing, seeks nice gent for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355891**

KIND romantic, loving lady, 43, slight disability, seeks genuine, caring male for relationship. Telford. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354533**

BRUNETTE attractive lady 38, seeks male, large build for friendship/relationship. Telford. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354117**

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377432**

SHROPSHIRE female, 40, seeking friend/relationship with a genuine male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353071**

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, caring, genuine male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349651**

GENUINE caring, mid 60's female, many interests, GSOH, seeks kind, genuine, loyal male for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327465**

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380918**

SLIM petite, green eyed blonde, seeks tall guy with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338729**

35YR old female, solvent, own home, likes movies, seeks likeminded male for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337191**

FEMININE pre op TS, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 315195**

CUDDLY lady, 59, honest, caring, GSOH, likes animals, music, nights in, holidays, seeks cuddly build male, 60-64. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 326555**

JANICE 50 plus, young at heart, 5ft 2ins, brunette, athletic, likes outdoors, music, movies, seeks male for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 316745**

LONG haired blonde, 37, enjoys meals out but would love to cook a romantic meal for the man of her dreams. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361076**

TALL curvy female, 36dd, loves music, looking for fun and romance with dark male. Give me a call. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359238**

FEMALE 59, attractive, slim, likes countryside, reading, cooking, gardening, seeks genuine gent for friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323539**

BIG is beautiful! Female looking for someone to share a life time of happiness with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368528**

BOSSY lady, 44, dark hair, fit, slim, good looking, seeks male, 40-50 who will do as he is told. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 326119**

FEMALE 38, likes days in/out, seeks gent, 38-45 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 314637**

FEMININE caring, young, mid 60's N/S woman, varied interests, seeks genuine, loyal male of similar age to share togetherness and LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 321931**

PROFESSIONAL lady, young 50, fashionable, pleasant, kind, likes countryside, outdoors, holidays, family life, seeks pleasant, committed Christian male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 316403**

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, refined male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 313115**

FRIENDLY black female, attractive, 46, single mum, professional, seeks attractive, solvent, trendy, professional, genuine male for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349865**

WEST Midlands female, 4, attractive, slim, divorced, N/S, seeks slim, clean, attractive male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 343735**

SLIM curvy blonde, 44, professional, seeks tall, professional male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 171231**

PROFESSIONAL slim, curvy, bubbly 45yr old lady, seeks tall, professional male, 42-52 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 262586**

BLONDE attractive, educated lady, tall, slim, curvy, 47, seeks tall, professional, 40-52. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362478**

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MALE young active 68, 5ft, black hair, N/S, non drinker, N/S, likes most things, seeks female, 30-36, attractive and slim for romantic future. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361159**

BRIAN single dad, likes pool, cinema, football, seeks female for fun, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 306121**

SENSITIVE tactile, 50's male, athletic, likes art, travel, gym, seeks slim, attractive, N/S female to enjoy meaningful relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 311497**

OK kind of a guy, 50's, looks and styled younger, good standard of living, like to share with slim, attractive, N/S female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364634**

MODERN athletic 50's male, stylish, seeks slim, attractive, N/S female, 40-50 to share better lifestyle. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 314349**

40YR old divorced male, seeks female, any age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 300741**

ROBERT slim, intelligent, N/S, 50's, seeks attractive, younger female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 312443**

33YR old single male, seeks similar aged female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 360153**

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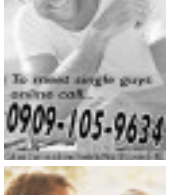
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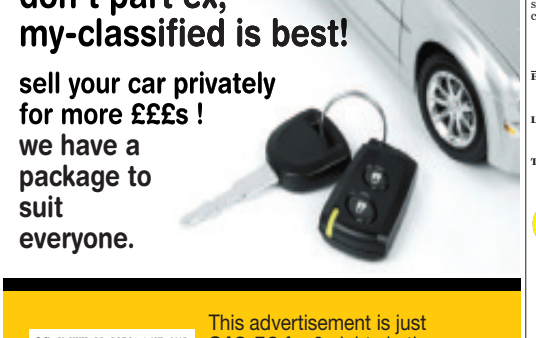
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RUSHALL OLYMPIC

Not best of days as Pics end up in the Brigg

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Rushall Olympic went from the sublime to the ridiculous as they lost to Evo-Stik First Division South play-off rivals Brigg Town at The Hawthorns.

The Pics enjoyed the perfect start after only six minutes when Chris Morris got free of his marker and pulled the ball back across the face of goal to Chris Sterling.

As his strike partner rounded the home keeper and was about to square the ball back to Morris, defender Scott Hellewell unfairly barged straight across his path and promptly hacked him to the ground to concede a penalty.

Morris promptly stepped up and drilled home past Robert Zand for his 13th league goal of the campaign.

On 19 minutes Morris was put clean through on goal but knocked the ball too far ahead of him. Olympic deservedly doubled their advantage on 25 minutes when a break down the right by Morris ended with a telling centre that picked out Sterling who controlled and turned his marker before rifling a fine finish into the roof of the net.

The first period continued in much the same vein with the Pics in the ascendancy, but their only further real effort of note proved to be a stinging effort from Christian Dacres that whistled past the upright.

Admirably

On the stroke of half-time the hosts had a free-kick by Ryan Paczkowski that Rushall keeper Chris Gemmell got down well to deal with admirably.

After the break it was a different story as in-form Rushall appeared to capitulate all rather too easily thanks in the main to some poor defending.

Within five minutes of the restart Brigg had pulled a goal back when their opponents conceded a needless free-kick. Anthony Bowsley delivered the ball in and it went straight beyond Gemmell, although the hosts claimed that Oliver Chappell had helped it over the line.

On 65 minutes it went from bad to worse for Olympic as a centre delivered into the 18-yard box picked out the unmarked Paul Grimes who had all the time in the world to strike the ball past Gemmell.

The loss of influential defensive lynchpin Mitchell Tolley for a second bookable offence made it an even more uphill challenge for the visitors.

However, to their credit, Olympic did fight their way back into the contest and were even able to regain the lead to make it 3-2 as Dacres cracked a beauty into the top corner after rounding the Zebras custodian to make it 3-2 after 74 minutes.

But Brigg were not about to give up that easily and a further two goals in the space of just three disastrous minutes virtually pummelled Rushall all but out for the count.

On 81 minutes a free-kick gave Andy Holt the opportunity to make it three apiece as the ball was scrambled home

Dropped

Predictably, it was always going to be the hosts who were going to have the final say when with six minutes remaining a corner eventually dropped towards the far post. Substitute Grant Beckett attempted to clear the danger but only managed to hack the ball into his own net to cap another day to forget for the inconsistent Pics.

PELSALL VILLA

Rain wrecks play

Heavy overnight rain in the South Birmingham area saw Villa's game at Bartley Green postpones due to a waterlogged pitch.

It leaves Villa with 13 games to play in March and April, starting with the visit of Coventry Copsewood to the Bush on March 5th.

The other home games are Castle Vale JKS, Dosthill Colts, Nuneaton Griff, Pershore Town, Southam United and Walsall Wood.

They have to visit Bartley Green, Bolehall Swifts, Castle Vale, Cadbury Athletic, Brocton and Walsall Wood to bring the curtain down on what has been a disappointing season for the Villains.

However, the bright spot is the fact that the average of the squad is under 22 and that can only bode well for the future.

Villa as always though face the prospect of near neighbours Rushall Olympic, Chasetown, Hednesford Town, Boldmere St. Michaels, Heath Hayes, Romulus and Sutton Town taking players to play in higher divisions, a problem faced by Walsall Wood and Bloxwich as well as Pelsall.

After not fielding a Youth side this season, Villa are looking to this season's under 16 team to be flying the flag in 2011-12, exciting times ahead, if this season ever finishes.

Bill Shaw.

LEISURE LEAGUES

Two smack in 10 goals

WALSALL 6 A SIDE FOOTBALL

Two teams smacked in 10 goals in the Wolverhampton Monday 6 a side league Jamie Woodhall taking the plaudits as Sparkys R Us FC were toppled 10-0 by Hardly Athletic. Wolves SFC completed the duo and picked up a second win of the season, beating Monks and Crane 10-2.

James Dickinson scored five of The Legends 11 goals against Football We Play, which was the most impressive win in the Wolves Tuesday 6 a side league, although only a brilliant display from keeper Ashley Burke saved Only Here For The Beer from a similar type beating from Only Here For The Beer – producing heroics to ensure the score was kept down to just 4-0.

Coppice were the day's big victors as they beat Cresswell Rovers 7-0 in the Walsall 6 a side league. Indeed there was an unusually high amount of goals elsewhere, Scalers moving comfortably into mid-table in division one, thumping Bloxwich Uninvited 8-4 and in division two Borussia Teeth kept their promotion hopes very much alive as James Bird was chirpy in their 8-0 hammering of Pelsall Villa

Sallyjoddler got off the mark for the campaign in the Walsall 6 a side Thursday league as they beat early strugglers Youth Harted 5-2 in the top division. Division one was the place for goals and Shelfield Wednesday were the big scorers, thumping LMA 7-2, while University Stars are still without a point in division two after they lost out 4-1 to West Midlands Rangers.

BOXING

Town Hall again rings out with sound of battle



Walsall's Danny Clews, right, slugging it out with Andy Patterson.

It proved a case of second time lucky for Coseley's Jamie Ball when he took another shot at the vacant Midlands Area light-middleweight title at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday.

His first attempt just before Christmas ended in a draw with Telford's Keiron Gray. But he made no mistake at Walsall, taking the title by sending Newark's Andrew A Lowe down to his knees and out with a solid left-hook to the body early in the eighth round.

Just 43 seconds had elapsed when referee Robert Williams completed his count over the beaten visitor. In charge from the outset, Ball was always busier and he moved into an early lead, following his jab with lefts to the head and a sprinkling of telling uppercuts.

Lowe, with former pro Carl Greaves in the corner, proved a game opponent and he scored with a fair few right hooks of his own.

But by the seventh the Newark puncher was beginning to flag and Ball upped the tempo. The bell sounded with Lowe's back against the ropes under fire and for the first time it looked as if he might not make it through to the end of the ten-rounder. Ball began the eighth full of confidence and a solid combination to the body and a whipped-in right uppercut both appeared to hurt Lowe. When Ball unleashed the left to the body it was all over.

There were successful debuts for Stafford middleweight Grant Cunningham and Sedgley light-middle Tom Bowen, who saw off Scunthorpe's Davy Jones and Tamworth's Matt Seawright respectively.

Cunningham, formerly an amateur with Stafford Town ABC, ran out a 60-53 winner over six two-minute rounds. He cut Jones below the left eye in the later stages of the second and Jones stumbled to the canvas and received a count in the fifth.

Willenhall's Myles Holder had to share the spoils in a four two-minute round bout against tough Ryan Clark from Waddington in Lincolnshire, referee Chalmers awarding a 38-38 draw.

Walsall's Danny Clews, who won on his debut last month and looked to be heading for win No.2, lost outright at the death to Birmingham's Andrew "Paddy" Patterson. Just 15 seconds of their four two-minute round contest remained when referee Chalmers stepped in to halt a Patterson attack.

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In one of the few West Midlands Premier games to survive the weather, Stuart Skitt unluckily directed a header past his own keeper in the second minute to give Bloxwich the lead.

Goodrich soon levelled through Joe Williams and Skitt then made amends for his earlier error in the 34th minute with a crisp finish to put the visitors ahead.

However, John Freemam equalised 10 minutes from time to earn Bloxwich a spare of the spoils.

SHAWBURY 1 BLOXWICH UNITED 2

The Red Lions made the long journey to Shawbury in midweek and came home with a hard earned win. After a fairly uneventful first half with very few chances the game remained goalless at half time.

The deadlock was finally broken minutes after the re-start when John Freemans brilliantly executed overhead kick flew into the top corner of the home sides net.

Bloxwich allowed Shawbury back into the game when some slack marking at a free kick saw the ball flicked in at the near post for the equaliser.

Bloxwich grabbed the winner ten minutes from time when Lewis Perry's excellent through ball allowed Leon Taylor to race clear of the Shawbury defence and slot the ball past the keeper and take all three points.

SWIMMING

Ellie meets herself as a mascot

You could be forgiving for thinking you are seeing double when it comes to Walsall's Olympic golden girl Eleanor Simmonds as she met her avatar which is one of many to be created and used alongside the official Olympic mascots.

Adventures on a Rainbow is the second part of the London 2012 mascot film and was shown for the first time at the opening of Heathow Airport's Olympic merchandise shop on March 1. During the video Olympic mascots Wenlock and Mandeville meet Ellie, as well as diver Tom Daley, triple jumper Phillips Idowu, BMX rider Shanaze Reid and wheelchair rugby player Mandip Sehmi.



The cartoon Ellie

The group embark on a sporting adventure and discover iconic British figures. Ellie, who won two gold medals at the 2008 Paralympic games in Beijing, recently met the model that was used to create her cartoon likeness.

The 16-year-old said: "It was good to see yourself in cartoon and it really hits home how (the Olympics) is soon."With London 2012 and the publicity that Paralympics is getting kids will get inspired by us all achieving and hopefully they'll be the next generation." The video can be seen at www.london2012.com/mascots.



Walsall's Paralympic double gold medallist Ellie Simmonds meets herself.

NEWS

Youth team is going Dutch in the summer

Walsall's young guns will tour Holland in the summer.

The youth team beat off record entries to land one of four Football League spots for the trip which is run by the League Football Education (LFE).

The Saddlers can take up to 18 apprentices on the 14-day trip and will spend the first week using venues and facilities at top Dutch clubs.

They will then join other teams at the Olympic Papendal facility near Arnhem for a tournament with European sides. Dates are still to be confirmed.

"It will be a great experience for the lads to share foreign coaching and culture," said boss Dean Smith, the Saddlers' former head of youth. "They will definitely improve as footballers and it will give them a better understanding of how the game is played in different countries."

The Saddlers will join Scunthorpe, Watford and Wycombe from England after the quartet's applications impressed the LFE. The club's work in the community and their successful youth system were key to winning a place.

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SADDLERS ENDURE A DOUR STALEMATE

WALSALL 0 ROCHDALE 0

Quite what Walsall's new Argentine midfielder Emmanuel Ledesma – introduced to the Saddlers faithful at half-time – made of this dour stalemate, goodness knows.

He certainly won't be having sleepless nights worrying about his chances of breaking into the side.

It would have taken Lionel Messi, Diego Maradona and Gabriel Batistuta turning out in red to push the interest-ometer past indifferent – just one of those days.

Gino Padula, Junior, Pedro Matias, Jorge Leitao – Walsall have certainly hit the jackpot more often that not when it comes to recruiting Latin talent.

How they will hope history repeats itself with Ledesma – because, on this showing, they are in need of inspiration from somewhere.

Without Jon Macken through injury and Matt Gill, recalled from his loan spell by Norwich, the Saddlers lacked any sort of cutting edge. In particular, the shoddy display showed just how key Macken is to Walsall's survival hopes.

He might not be banging in the goals but his craft, guile, hold-up play and, above all, ability to find a red shirt were sorely missed.

Confidence

With relegation rivals dropping points, Walsall could have climbed out of the drop zone for the first time since October – what a confidence boost that would have been. As it was, countless times they got into decent positions on the flanks only to delay or fluff the final ball. And when they did find the strikers, Jason Price and Will Grigg had off-days.

Price, in particular, saw his first touch let him down time and again as his loan spell continues to deteriorate after a bright beginning.

The fans are getting on his back too – hardly helpful at a time when everyone should be pulling together – so the return of Darren Byfield from injury could have come at exactly the right time.

Boss Dean Smith rightly claimed afterwards it could be the point that keeps Walsall up. But, on the flip side, the two dropped points could be the ones that send them down.

Smith must feel like he's steering a leaky boat – plug one hole only to have another appear straight away. A second consecutive home clean sheet was evidence the hard work he has put in to solving Walsall's defensive woes is continuing to bear fruit.

Permanent

Since taking the job on a permanent basis, Smith has seen his side concede just nine times in 10 games – positively stingy compared to the 38 in 21 the Saddlers shipped under previous boss Chris Hutchings.

Against below-par Dale, they even tightened up at set-pieces, their frequent Achilles heel.

But just as one problem is on the verge of disappearing, another rears its ugly head at the other end of the field – firepower, or lack thereof. It's one goal in four games now – not the sort of numbers to drag a team out of trouble.

The Saddlers had by far the better of a forgettable first half but still failed to press Dale keeper Owain Fon Williams into anything other than routine.

Roles were reversed in an equally insipid second period – this time edged by the visitors.

Having not created a chance of note before the break, Dale – perhaps buoyed by the knowledge their shocking first-half display had not been punished – took charge.

Albion loanee Craig Dawson headed over from a corner and Matty Done flashed a near-post header wide from Gary Jones' accurate cross.

Jones then found himself free in the box but his measured side-foot was well tipped away by Jimmy Walker, who was later well positioned to collect a Jason Kennedy header.

And that was it.



A surrounded Oliver Lancashire makes a lofty leap for the ball for Walsall



Will Grigg chases down the ball during the 0-0 draw against Rochdale at Banks's Stadium



Alex Nicholls breaks away during Walsall's goalless draw with Rochdale at the Banks's Stadium.



Saddlers loan striker Jason Price keeps his eye on the action while coming under pressure.

Smith feels for Pilgrims over points

Walsall boss Dean Smith says he has sympathy for drop rivals Plymouth – but insisted 'rules are rules'.

The Saddlers cashed in on the Pilgrims being deducted 10 points for issuing a notice of intention and calling in the administrators.

Argyle plunged to the foot of League One and moved Walsall up to fourth from bottom, a point off safety, ahead of last Saturday's visit of Rochdale.

It left Plymouth odds-on to be relegated but Smith said they knew what was at stake.

He said: "It's tough on fans but, at the end of the day, the rules are there and everyone knows them before they go into it. I know they haven't entered administration yet but they have issued a notice of intention and have been duly deducted the points, which is within the rules of the game.

"You feel for the players and supporters but it's a business and they all know the rules and regulations for it and how it's meant to be run.

"We've climbed up a place in League One, it's not how we'd like to, but rules are rules."

Swindon, Bristol Rovers, Dagenham and the Saddlers all moved up to give them renewed hope of beating the drop.

But Smith insisted it doesn't change Walsall's situation as they are still in the relegation zone and must keep their heads in the coming weeks.

"It's the same really, all it's done is moved everyone up a place," he said. "With their defeat at Brighton on Tuesday, which was probably expected in many quarters, Plymouth are in deep trouble and have got a mountain to climb to get out of that.

"What it does is leave us with one less body to climb over so that's all we can do. We'll concentrate on ourselves and it's up to us to make sure we get out of trouble this season. It's about what we do."

Byfield happy to be back in action

Darren Byfield has spoken of his relief after ending five months of injury hell.

The striker has been sidelined since September with a knee problem and admitted he thought he might have to quit. But after successful sugar injections he returned to full training this week to aid the Saddlers in their survival fight.

"To be back in full training is a great feeling, relief almost," said the 34-year-old. "It was only a month or so ago that I was wondering what the future held. Now, after the sugar injections, I'm out there with the lads, beating players and scoring goals.

"The injections have worked wonders and the world is a better place for me now."

Byfield has made just six appearances this term for Walsall, scoring once, as the Saddlers battle against relegation from League One.

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	30	11	4	0	36	10	6	4	5	20	13	59
Bournemouth	33	11	4	2	37	14	5	6	5	19	19	58
Huddersfield	32	9	5	3	26	14	6	3	6	26	23	53
Peterborough	32	11	3	3	48	34	5	2	8	24	26	53
Southampton	30	9	4	3	28	10	6	3	5	26	18	52
MK Dons	34	10	4	3	25	16	5	3	9	20	30	52
Charlton	30	8	3	4	20	20	5	5	5	28	23	47
Oldham	33	7	6	4	25	24	4	7	5	19	21	46
Rochdale	30	6	6	2	24	17	5	6	5	18	17	45
Colchester	32	8	6	2	27	22	3	6	7	13	20	45
Leyton Orient	30	8	4	2	28	13	3	7	6	23	29	44
Hartlepool	32	6	4	5	21	24	6	4	7	12	22	44
Carlisle	31	6	6	5	27	21	5	3	6	14	14	42
Brentford	31	7	3	5	18	18	5	3	8	19	22	42
Exeter	32	6	4	5	27	25	5	5	7	20	29	42
Sheff Wed	31	6	5	3	22	13	5	2	10	23	29	40
Notts County	28	9	1	6	21	15	2	4	6	14	19	38
Tranmere	31	6	4	6	21	21	4	3	8	17	23	37
Yeovil	31	5	2	7	15	20	5	4	8	16	25	36
Swindon	33	5	6	6	17	20	2	4	10	25	38	31
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Bristol Rovers	32	5	4	6	18	24	2	5	10	19	42	30
Dag & Red	30	4	5	6	18	20	3	3	9	15	26	29
Plymouth	33	6	4	7	21	25	4	2	10	17	31	26

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"We need to clear this stock as soon as possible and it really is a case of everything must go," said Robert. "We have recognised that people come to Cousins for the full shopping experience, which includes being able to purchase cushions and accessories to compliment their new sofa or dining table.

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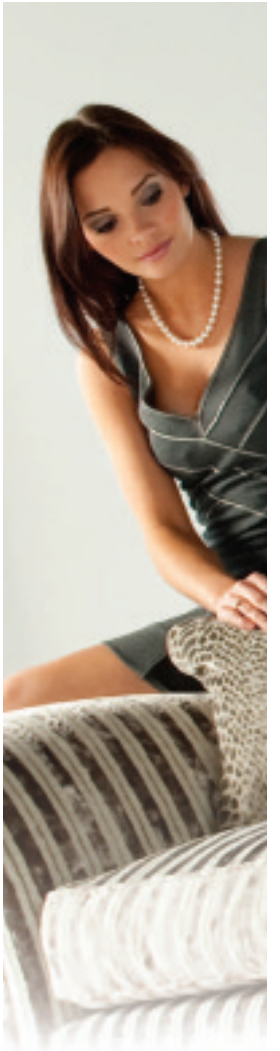
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